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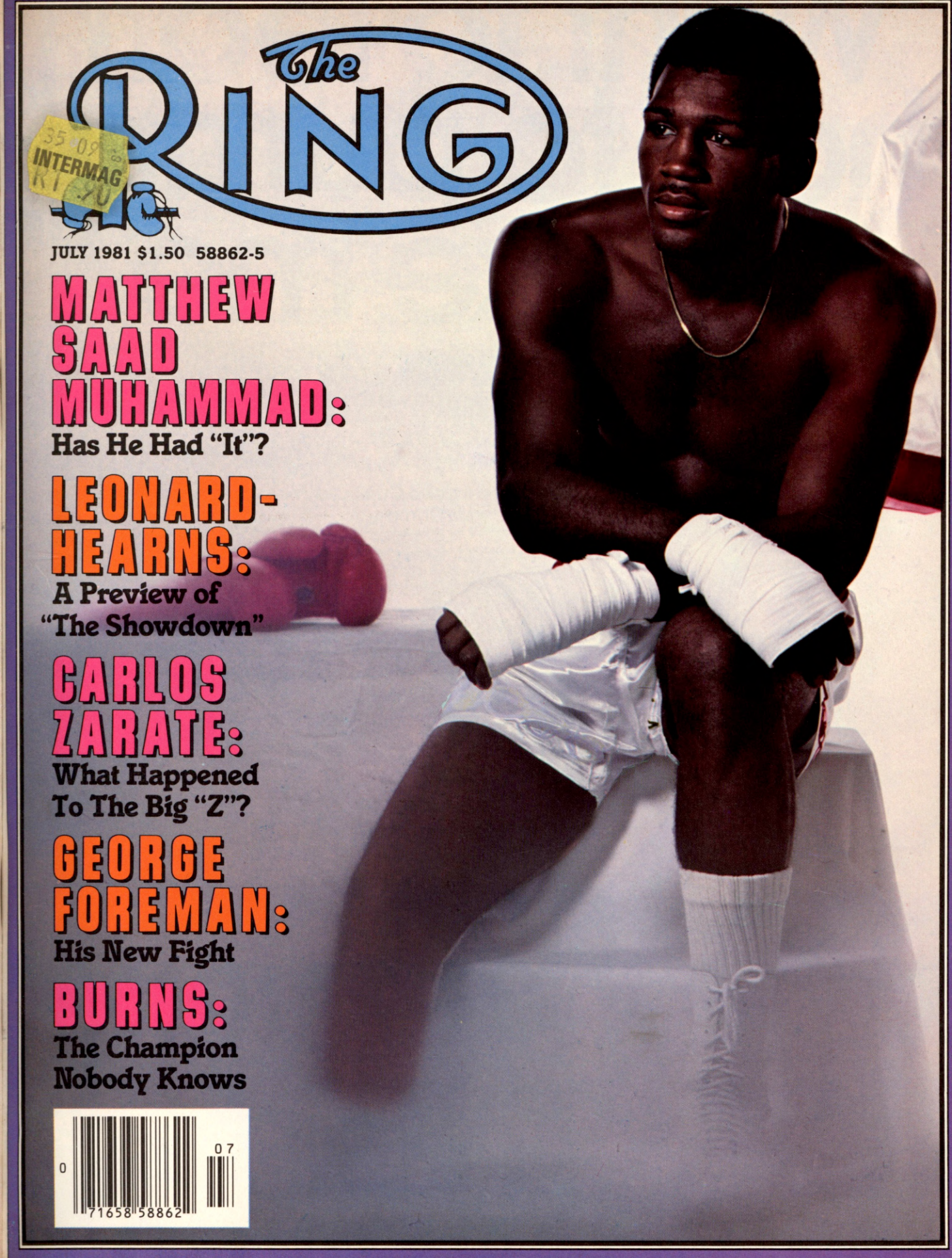

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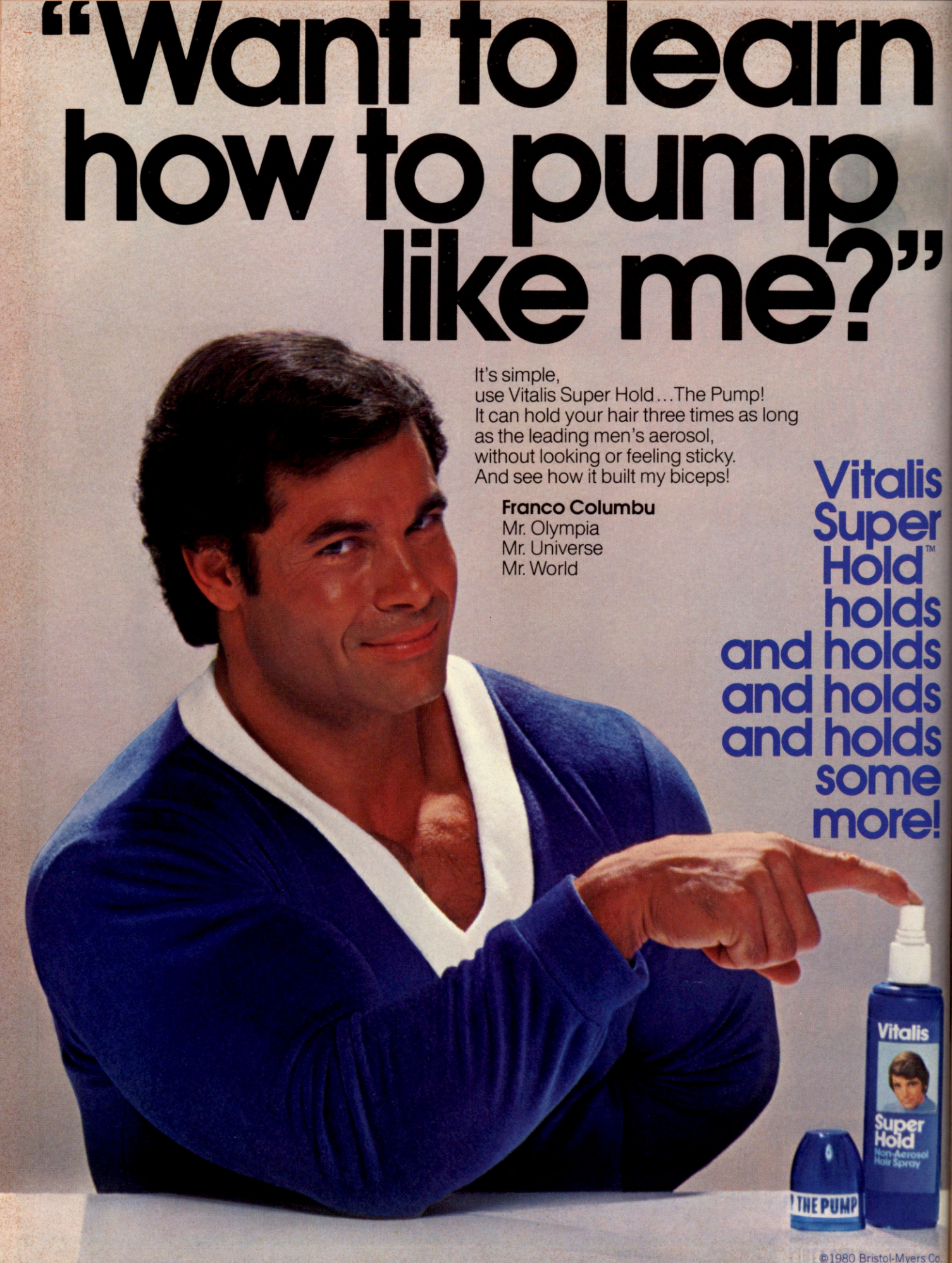

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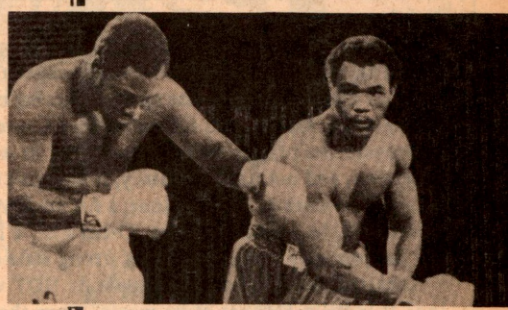

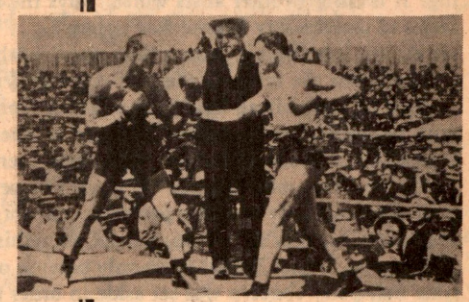

RINGSIDE

WHILE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY UNDERGOES a quiet change in the colors of their regional foliage, a Saturday afternoon in the fall in Columbus, Ohio, provides its own autumnal coloration in the form of banners, floats, cheerleaders and brightly attired players—not to mention fans—all sporting the scarlet and grey of Ohio State. There college football is no longer an institution, it is, instead, an obsession, coloring the sights, smells and sounds of the fall season as nothing else can anywhere in the country.

And one of those sounds so often heard is the cheer. "O-HI-O,. Round on the ends and high in the middle . . ." So, too, has Ohio's place in boxing history been round on the ends and high in the middle. Sure, they've had champions and near-champions like Johnny Kilbaine, Ezzard Charles, Aaron Pryor, Tommy Bell, Johnny Risko, Jimmy Bivins, "Gorilla" Jones, "Boom Boom" Mancini, and even John Donaldson, "The Champion of the West," who fought John L. Sullivan back in the nineteenth century. But their laws regulating the sport of boxing have hardly progressed since the time Donaldson fought Sullivan.

Now the State of Ohio is considering a bill for the establishment of a Statewide boxing commission. And, not incidentally, taking their rightful place at the table of the national boxing community. For years the sixth most populous state in the Union has allowed municipalities to form their own boxing commissions. So what you had was a patchwork quilt that looked as if it had been put together by a cross-eyed seamstress; here a commission, there a commission, and everywhere a commission, commission.

The formation of a unified state athletic commission is important to the continual progress of boxing. But it has never been so important as it is today. For today the United States has become a second-class citizen in the boxing world, a world run—even overrun—by two organizations, the WBA and the WBC, whose offices as well as hearts are located in Latin American countries. One of the reasons the U.S. has been relegated to this secondary position is the ability of these two "rump" organizations to dictate to the powers-that-be in the United States who should fight whom, when and where, and how those worthies called "contenders" are ranked—a result of nationalism and the greasing of palms more often than not.

The power that these two organizations wield is made possible by the fragmentation of power in the United States. Not only has every jurisdiction gone on its merry way without cohesive thought and action, but some—including the State of Ohio—have not even gone to the trouble of creating State Athletic Commissions, making an already difficult task wellnigh impossible.

Not only is any cohesive action impossible on a nationwide basis, but it is also impossible within the State of Ohio itself. And because the State of Ohio is one of the most populous states in the Union, with the sport of boxing undergoing a rebirth in such municipalities as Youngstown, Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland, it makes eminently good sense for Ohio to provide the proper overall framework in which these smaller commissions can operate. Moreover, and not unimportantly, it will give Ohio a hand in the ultimate development of a national network of commissions; a network which could once again make the United States a power in the world of boxing. Otherwise, a Federal Commission will gain favor. And that can happen only in the absence of strong state commissions.

Nevertheless, a handful of people do NOT want to see such a bill enacted. Their reasoning? It is "Big Brother at its worst," says the usually sane Columbus *DISPATCH,* with "a series of unnecessary license fees imposed . . ." Also against it are coliseum managers who are against it because it defrays their quest for the almighty dollar.

How about the safety of the participants? Without statewide regulations there can be no method of prohibiting boxers from going from small municipality to small municipality with phonied records, taking on either inexperienced fighters or hiding their own recent knockout. Without statewide regulations there can be no provision made for coliseum owners to have ambulances at the ready in case the unspeakable occurs. And without statewide regulations fly-by-night promoters cannot rent coliseums, then disappear without paying boxers, taxes or the coliseum itself, something which has happened only recently. Those who oppose Senate Bill 60 do so only because of shortsightedness. And greed. Isn't it about time that petty concern was set aside in order to protect those who need it most, our most valuable commodity, the fighters? Otherwise, Commodore Perry's famous remark during the Battle of Lake Erie, "We have met the enemy and they are ours," will become "We have met the enemy and they are us!"

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BECAUSE PAT PUTNAM OF *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* revealed that Don King took the Fifth Amendment more than 350 times in his recent appearances before a Federal Grand Jury investigating boxing, King has threatened to sue him, claiming he broke a court-imposed silence. But Putnam claims that all he did was look at the testimony in the recently-concluded Brenner v. WBC suit to find the reference.

LIFE'S LAST PRACTICAL JOKE PLAYED ON ZALE—ALMOST

LIKE THE DEATH OF MARK TWAIN, the demise of Tony Zale was "greatly exaggerated." A report recently came out of Yuma, Arizona, telling of the death of Zale. Apparently a man who claimed he was Zale died in a house trailer there, but the true "Man of Steel" is still alive and kicking. Zale—the live one that is—runs a youth boxing program for the Chicago Park District and reportedly "feels real good" after turning 68 on May 28.

A BOXING CAREER THAT ENDS WITH A SENTENCE

FORMER WBC LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPion Esteban de Jesus—the only man besides Sugar Ray Leonard to beat Roberto Duran—was found guilty of murder in San Juan recently and sentenced to life in prison. De Jesus fatally shot 18-year-old Roberto Cintron Gonzalez Nov. 27, 1980 after getting into an argument over a traffic incident in San Juan.

Besides the murder conviction, De Jesus was found guilty of violating Puerto Rico's gun law. He was sentenced to an additional five years.

GEORGEOUS ALFREDO

FORMER WBC JUNIOR LIGHTweight champ Alfredo Escalera, who hung up his boxing gloves two years ago, has decided to enter the ring under a different guise. Escalera, who defended the WBC 130-pound crown a record 11 times before being stopped by Alexis Arguello in late 1977, has been in training for months for his debut as a pro wrestler.

Escalera, who gained 65 pounds—practically the same amount Robert DeNiro gained to play Jake LaMotta—will soon be grappling with the best of them. Says the ex-junior lightweight, "When I was boxing I only used to eat twice a day. Now I do a lot of training with weights and I eat four square meals a day. This is a lot more fun than when I was boxing.

Perhaps Escalera, who used to sport a boa constricter around his neck when entering the boxing ring, will bring his serpent-friend into the limelight of the wrestling arena. Or maybe they'll just call him "The Snake."

KOSHER KLOUT

JOSE TORRES, FORMER LIGHT HEAVYweight champion, has long been lionized by the *belles lettres* as a boxer-writer. Now, every week at The Gramercy Gym in New York, he teaches actors and writers the fine art of self-defense. Because so many of his members are of the Hebraic persuasion, Torres calls his group "The Raging Jews." Wonder if they see six-sided stars . . .

FOUL OF THE MONTH

FRED BOWMAN, A LIGHTWEIGHT rom Youngstown, Ohio, remains in a coma. It has been over two months since he collapsed in his dressing room from an apparent head injury following a brutal six-round bout with Gino Perez in Atlantic City. Gene Minor, Bowman's manager, jumped onto the ring apron in the sixth round when he noticed Bowman wasn't punching. He seemed to have lost something, and even though the official scorecards had the fight even through the first five rounds, Minor knew his boy was being outclassed and stopped the fight immediately.

It's a shame the commission doctors, Frank Doggett and Michael Sabia, didn't react just as quickly.

For when Bowman began unlacing his shoes after the fight and collapsed, foaming at the mouth, Minor could not find a doctor in the house who would come to Bowman's aid. Minor pushed his way through the crowd to Dr. Doggett, but could not convince the doctor to leave ringside and attend to his fighter. "I pleaded with Doggett to come back to the dressing room," Minor said. "I told him we've got a sick fighter. But he refused. He said the title fight was fixin' to begin and he couldn't leave his post."

Having no luck with Doggett, Minor then went to Dr. Michael Sabia, who was positioned on the other side of the ring. But he had no better luck with him. According to Chuck Betson, a reporter for *The Sun* in Absecon, N.J. who was sitting behind Sabia, Minor approached Sabia three times, asking him to come look at Bowman. Sabia's response? "Take 'im to the hospital."

Finally, Minor found neurosurgeon Maurice Davidson, who happened to be at ringside but was not a commission doctor. Together they went to look at Bowman. Even then, neither Sabia or Dogget left their ringside seats.

Apparently neither of the commission doctors wanted to miss the Matthew Saad Muhammad-Murray Sutherland title bout that was coming up next. Or perhaps both thought that the other would do *their* duty.

Anyway, neither did, although Doggett "does not recall" ever being approached by Minor.

Well, perhaps commissions should hire doctors who *aren't* boxing fans. Maybe then they would show a little more interest in the *fighters* instead of the *fights*.

WOMAN'S LIB FLOORED

"KO" BECKY O'NEIL, the diminutive manager of WBA bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler of Philadelphia remained outside the ring between rounds during Chandler's recent bout with Japanese challenger Eijiro Murata. O'Neil, the only female manager of a reigning world champion, was told that she could not act as a second in the ring due to the centuries-old sumo wrestling tradition, which bans women from climbing into the ring.

The bout was staged at the Kuramae Kokugikan, the mecca of Japan's indigenous sport. Chandler retained his title, after a 15-round draw.

The 4' 11" O'Neill made little fuss after learning of the 400-year-old tradition. "I will respect the Japanese tradition and religion," she said.

O'Neil, who claimed that the Japanese treated them royally—and was nicknamed by some "Mama Becky-San"—joined the rest of the fans during the bout, on the floor, there were no seats in the arena.

AKA CELEBRITY

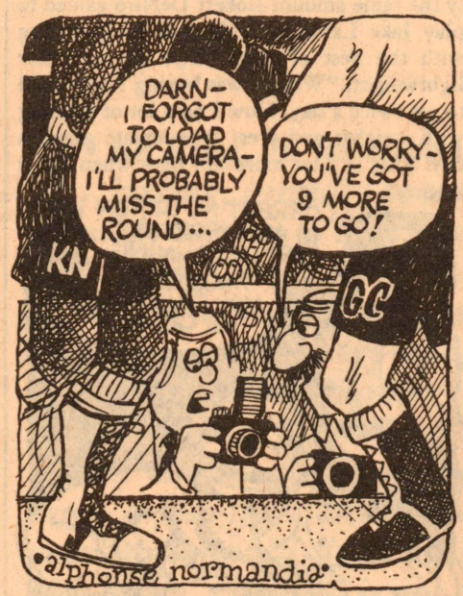
WHEN GERRY COONEY AND KEN Norton set up ring in Times Square to do some publicity sparring a few days before their historic bout—historic in that Cooney knocked out Norton in 54 seconds of the first round, the quickest knockout in the history of Madison Square Garden—Ross Eugene Fields, alias Harold Smith, stole the show.

Over 4,000 spectators gathered to watch the two heavyweights work out in the ring that had been set up between 43rd and 44th Streets. But the crowd showed about as much enthusiasm for the fighters as they did in purchasing tickets to the fight—in short, very little. Very little excitement, that is, until the infamous promoter of MAPS, Ross Fields, showed up.

Smith-Fields, who was to have promoted the Cooney-Norton fight on Feb. 23rd as part of an overall promotion pretentiously called "This Is It"—that is, until the entire card was canceled after the Wells Fargo scandal in which Fields was allegedly involved in the "embezzlement" of $21.3 million—proved a bigger attraction than either Cooney or Norton. Someone yelled, "There's Harold!" and the crowd went wild, stampeding the tall black man in a cowboy hat and asking for autographs, jobs and even money!

Smith, who is out on $365,000 bail, said, "It was an uplifting experience. I always felt the people were with me. People were telling me this was the first time in their lives they ever asked anyone for an autograph."

At what price glory!



A TELEVISION "BREAK"

WHEN ABC'S 20/20 BOUGHT THE rights to the Cooney-Norton fight from HBO, they were restricted, by contract, to showing just one-and-a-half minutes of the "action."

One of the producers, Bernie Cohen, reviewing the situation the next morning, jokingly said, "One-and-a-half minutes? Hell, we could show the whole fight twice!"

BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER

IN WHAT BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIonship bout did both boxers compete barefooted?

Last Month's Trivia Question: Who is the only "soul brother" to win a boxing championship in Seoul, Korea? *Answer:* Saoul Paul Mamby, a black boxer from The Bronx, defeated San-Hyun Kim in Seoul, Korea in February, 1980 to win the WBC Junior Welterweight championship.

LOSE ONE FOR THE KIDNEYS

ONE—TIME WBC FLYWEIGHT Champion Chan-Hee Park, announced his retirement while under medical care. Doctors believe that his kidneys are to blame having said "No Mas" after his recent (unsuccessful) attempt to regain his title.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

GACINA, JOHNNY, FORMER NEW JERsey boxer and member of VBA-Ring 14, died recently after a long illness.

PACK, LORENZO, 65, EX-HEAVYWEIGHT of the late 30s and early 40s. A hard hitting heavyweight, Lorenzo was a stablemate of the late Joe Louis.

O'MALLEY, PAT, 60, DIED OF CANCER at the Veterans Hospital in Miami, Florida. A former trainer and manager, O'Malley was a member of the Miami boxing commission at the time of his death.

DLALA, MOTSSIE, 24, OF SOUTH AFRICA died May 4th of injuries sustained in a lightheavyweight bout. Previously unbeaten in 19 fights, he was knocked out in the fourth round by Manse Potse and never regained consciousness.

WALKER, MICKEY, 79, APRIL 28, 1981.

PUNCHLINES

ROSS FIELDS, PROMOTER FOR MAPS, when asked how he would like to be addressed: "I prefer Harold Smith because he's the guy who gave Ross Fields a new start."

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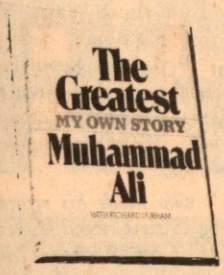

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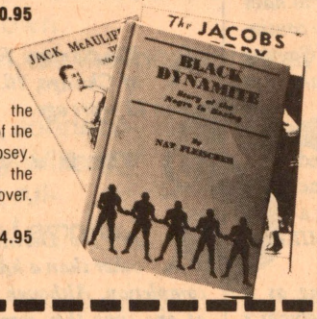

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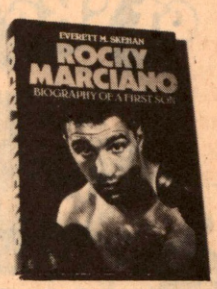

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q Knowing that the *Ring* Ratings are compiled by a panel of experts, I can't help wondering who rates fighters for the WBA and the WBC? —*NAN DRUSKEY*

A *I can't tell you how, but I can tell you who: Elias Cordoba is in charge of the WBA slotting while Bob Bussey performs the same tricks for the WBC.*

Q What does it mean for a fighter to come to scratch? —*RICHARD ALLISTON*

A *Before the days of the Queensbury Rules which dictated rounds lasting three minutes, something called "London Prize Ring" rules were in effect. Under these conditions, a round ended whenever one fighter was knocked to the ground. The referee would scratch a line in the turf with his toe to indicate the exact place where the man had fallen.*

Meanwhile, the downed man was dragged to his corner by his seconds who would work to revive him. They had exactly one minute to have their charge standing at the line, ready to continue the battle: a circumstance known as "Coming to Scratch." When one man couldn't make it in time, the fight was over.

Q We all know that boxing started with the Cavemen but can you tell me what the earliest actual record of fighting as a sport is? —*GREGORY MILLER*

A *The first real evidence of boxing as a sport is found in Egyptian hieroglyphics dating back to 4000 B.C. These somewhat crude pictures show men battling with "cestus" or hard gloves. These began as just leather or tree bark wrappings, but evolved by Roman times to include metal bands and spikes.*

Today's gloves are made of leather over horsehair or synthetic padding. There are definite differences in the designs used by various manufacturers. Some, by design, cut more than others.

Q I've had a hard time finding a boxing club in the Spring, Texas area. Can you help? —*DAN WOODS*

A *Let your fingers do the walking through the* Ring Record Book! *The directory of managers and promoters includes boxing clubs and gyms in all areas of the country, along with their addresses et. al.*

Q I know that "One-Round" Hogan holds the record for consecutive first round knockouts, but who comes in second? —*ARCHIE FENMORE*

A *"One-Round," who made his record in 1910, by scoring 18 first round K.O. victories is followed in the record books by Young Otto who put 16 opponents on the floor in the first round way back in 1905*

Q Which heavyweight is credited with the most K.O.s? —*LLOYD CASPERSON*

A *George Godfrey (born Feabe Smith Williams) is the all-around winner with 76 to his credit. Primo Carnera is the heavyweight champion with the most K.O.s winning 68 of 103 contests in this manner.*

But, the real all-time winner, if you include fighters who also competed in the light heavyweight division is Archie Moore. His record is crowned with an incredible 143 KO wins.

Q What ever happened to "Frager" gloves? I never see them used anymore. —*HERBIE MANGOL*

A *The Sammy Frager Sporting Goods Co. of Chicago, Ill. went the way of all flesh about 10 years ago.*

Q What is a "No Decision"? —*DAVID M. CRAWFORD*

A *A "No Decision" is a fight halted by other than a knockout before its scheduled completion. Although such entries are rare now, at one time they were fairly commonplace. In the days when prizefighting was illegal, the police were often called upon to stop a contest in progress. Hence the "No Decision" entry. Under the present rules such an indecision would probably only occur if the roof fell in.*

Q What brand of glove has been used most often in championship fights? —*MARK TIMSON*

A *Until recently, the answer is easy: Everlast, a manufacturer who could once brag that no title fight since 1919 had been fought with any other make. Now, WBC President Jose Sulaiman, a Mexican, has declared that all title bouts sanctioned by his organization must be fought with a Mexican product—That usually means Reyes and sometimes Seyer which, not incidently, is Reyes spelled backward.*

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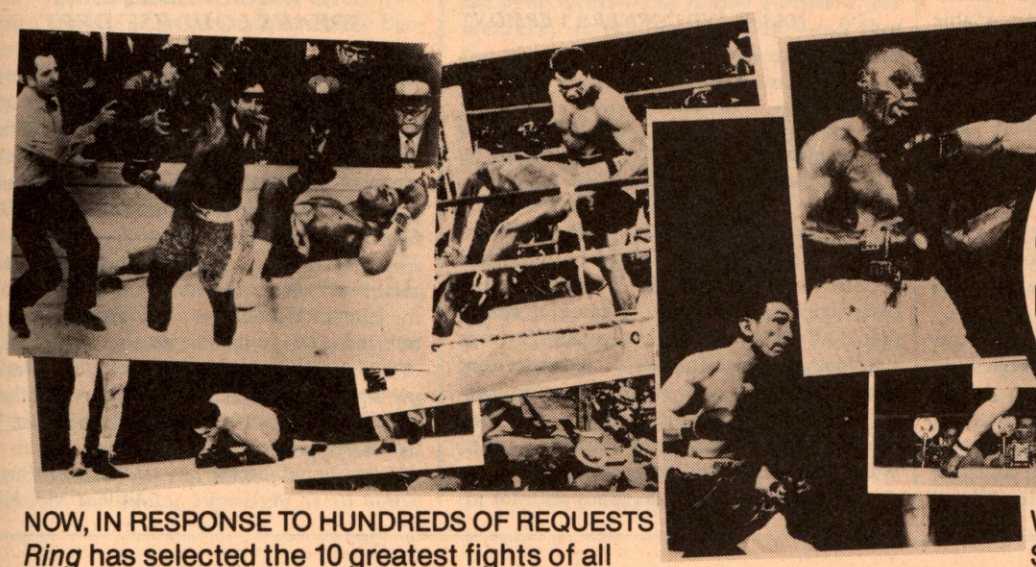

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HOW CAN RING *KNOCK "WORST"?*

I HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO AND READ nearly every boxing publication available for nearly 15 years. I have never written to any magazine before. However, your May issue prompted the following comments:

1) Jose Torres article on "Machismo" is a laudable piece of work. Well written and offering a unique perspective, it ranks as one of the tops.

2) George Vescey's "What Ever Happened to Big John Tate?" was timely and encouraging. Boxing could use more fighters like Big John and more articles of this type.

3) The "Worst Champions" article ranks as the "Worst Article" in a boxing publication I've ever read. I confess to feeling something I rarely feel when reading—I was offended, just as I feel the entire Boxing Community has a right to be! Eric Armit's response to your poll . . . "they don't deserve the insult. . ." applies to your readers and all who work in the sport as well. I thought you guys were supporters of the sport and pillars of integrity. I think you have some damage to repair. I hope you have the class to do something about it—the sport deserves better. Printing this letter would be a good start.

BARRY LEVIN,
HARTLAND CORNERS, VERMONT

NO TITLE

AS A READER OF MANY YEARS OF *RING* Magazine I would like to comment on your refusal to publish the WBA and WBC Ratings on the assumption they do not reflect the true caliber of a fighter. However, I contend that those ratings should be published because they do reflect how the fight matches most likely will be made. I agree of course that Rudi Koopmans, light heavyweight, was a ridiculous choice for No. 1 contender, but he was ranked No. 1 by the WBA *and was given a title shot.* Also the rating of the *Ring* means nothing to the Governing bodies of the WBA and WBC. And, after all, your ratings are somewhat ridiculous at times also, for instance, in the April *Ring* Sean O'Grady was ranked No. 7 before winning the title while the WBA had him ranked No. 1 and WBC No. 2, respectfully. So please keep us ardent fans better informed on the total fight scene.

OVID E. DILLARD, JR., RALEIGH, N.C.

HE WHO SPEAKS LAST SPEAKS LOUDEST DEPT.

WHEN I READ "FIGHT OF THE Month" in your May issue, I was upset at the account on page 46 of Rafael "Bazooka" Limon's comments towards the victor of the WBC Junior Lightweight Championship, Cornelius Boza-Edwards. *("He knows what Mexicans do to English fighters. Pintor killed Owen. The same thing will happen this time.")* Here are some words of wisdom for Limon: No one has the right or privilege to bring down or defame another just because of national origin or race—*even* in the heat of pre-fight statements. Those who slur others slur their own. How would Limon like to have an opponent do that to him?

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THE RING MAGAZINE MAINTAINS ITS excellence—highly absorbing and interesting articles and excellent fight coverage. I accuse you, however, of a lack of logic. Why don't you recognize the Junior Flyweight division (108 lbs.)? In the past there were Bantamweights and featherweights. Some guys were too heavy for bantams and some too light for feathers, so a "Bastard" division was formed called Junior Feathers or Super Bantams. If your logic allowed you to accept such a division four lbs. heavier than Bantamweight and four lbs. lighter than Featherweights—why wouldn't the same logic recognize a division four lbs. lighter than Flyweight—a division called for by scores of little men from the Orient and Latin America?

In the past Jimmy Wilde at 100 lbs. beat Flyweights, Bantams and Feathers, while Pascal Perez at 105 lbs. whipped many top Flyweight challengers. Former Junior Feather champ Yoko Gushiken, at his best, could have beaten all the top flyweights of his day. However the Junior Flyweight is an active division with scores of good boxers, and has at least the same claim as Junior Feathers for recognition. What about it?

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA SIMMY LEWIS,

Ed Note:* The Ring *has long held that the eight divisions, plus the four "half-way" divisions it recognizes, all have historical precedents—the Junior Feathers, for instance, dating back to 1922—and that the recent divisions gerrymandered out of whole cloth by the WBA and WBC are fictional creatures in their minds, and their minds, alone. If one word were to describe our feelings, it would be from "Fiddler on the Roof": "Tradition"

YOU OTTO REMEMBER VON PORAT

FOUND THE STORY ON OLYMPIC Champions in your March 1981 issue of great interest. However, you omitted the name of a great Olympic heavyweight champion from your listing of "other Olympic champions who boxed professionally".

You omitted Otto Von Porat, who won the 1924 Olympic Heavyweight Gold Medal and fought as a pro from 1926 through 1935. Otto was perhaps the hardest puncher ever in ring history and was a devastating right hand kayo artist, meeting men like Risko, Uzcudan, Stribling, Griffith and other top-notchers.

ROBERT SODERMAN, MT. PROSPECT, ILL.

WHERE WERE THE "GREAT BLACK HOPES"?

I AM A LONG-TIME READER OF YOUR great magazine, and often re-read an issue three or four times when it is particularly good.

While going through Herbert Goldman's excellent series on the Heavyweight Contenders (1978-79 issues) for the fifth time recently, I was suddenly struck by the realization that aside from half-blind John Henry Lewis and off-and-on Jersey Joe Walcott, the late, great, Joe Louis fought only white challengers. Louis held the title for a long time. Surely there must have been two or three black heavies who could have given him a tougher battle than did Musto, Dorazio, Roper, et al. How is it that a race which has dominated the division from the Johnson era on was unable

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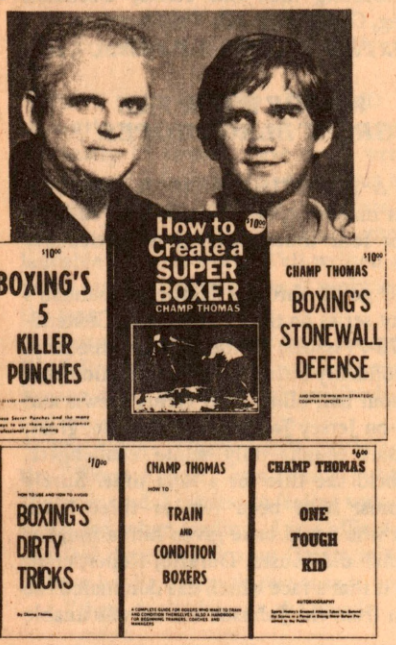

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A PENN PAL WRITES ABOUT PHILLY

YOUR "PHILADELPHIA STORY" IN the April issue is a great story, but the author, Mike Silver, can't be a Philadelphian. He doesn't even mention one of the best lightweights Philly ever had, a world champion none the less! Bob Montgomery happens to be the lad's name. If he wasn't tops, tell Mr. Silver to ask Beau Jack or Allie Stoltz. Then if a Philly guy talks of heavyweights, he has to think of George Godfry (ranked #4 from 1927 until 1930) and Al Ettone, who *beat* Pete Latzo, Jersey Joe Walcott, and Jimmy Braddock, and drew with John Henry Louis. Overlooked in the lighter classes were Lew Massey and Tommy Forte—both outstanding fighters. C'mon *Ring*, give Philly its due!

JOHNNY HOUGHER, NORTH CAPE, N.J.

Ed Note. Beg your pardon, Johnny, but Bob was born in Sumter, So. Carolina and lived in Trenton, N.J.

LaMOTTA NOT "ALL JAKE" WITH READER

NOW THAT JAKE LaMOTTA HAS become more famous than he ever was as a boxer and has reaped big dollars from the success of the movie "Raging Bull", he ought to lend a helping hand to "Blackjack" Billy Fox. Billy has been mentioned in the story and has not gotten a dime! He is down on his luck. C'mon Jake, ante up; you made money on Billy *twice.*

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RING'S *MIDDLEWEIGHTS COULD USE SOME ADJUSTMENTS*

FIRST LET ME SAY THAT I THINK *RING* magazine is the best boxing magazine there is, and the March 1981 issue of *The Ring* had a breakdown of over 300 fighters by ability—just spectacular! I do not want to criticize your ratings, but I do want to make a few suggestions.

Most of my suggestions have to do with the Middleweight division. Alan Minter hasn't fought since he lost the title; Vito Antuofermo has a draw and two losses in his last two fights; Curtis Parker has two losses in his last three fights; and it has been quite a while since Ronnie Harris fought. Why not reward those who fight? And win? What about Mickey Goodwin, who broke Herman Barrientes' jaw en route to a knockout win? What about William "Caveman" Lee, who iced Marcos Geraldo in 55 seconds? Goodwin does not appear in your top 25; Geraldo you have ranked 17th, three places ahead of Lee, even after his "smooshing."

I was encouraged to see Ralph Aviles appear as your number 20 lightweight, but where is Ray "Boom-Boom" Mancini? Why is Jose Luis Ramirez, WBC #10, ranked 21 by you with a 68-2 record after a split decision loss to Alexis Arguello? You had Muhammad Ali ranked 19th even though he hadn't won in over two years, and fighters like Esteban DeJesus and Jim Scott, who haven't fought in ages, remain as your contenders. Vinnie Curto beat Bennie Briscoe in his last outing, yet you cannot find a place for him in your Middleweight top ten. Yet you have Fully Obel (what a joke,) ranked over Mustafa Hamsho. What will you do now that Rodrigo Valdes made a comeback with a knockout win? Has Valdes earned the right to be in your top 25?

ROBERT BRIZEL, ITHACA, N.Y.

TELLING IT AS IT IS

HOORAY FOR YOUR APRIL COMmentary about Howard Cosell. I watched the Pedroza-Ford fight and I must agree with you whole heartedly that Cosell knows about as much about boxing as a four-year-old child . . . Make that a three-year-old!

What I was seeing on TV and what I was hearing from Cosell were two different things. I don't believe I've ever heard such a prejudiced report of a fight.

In the past I know that if I've been looking forward to watching a fight but find out Cosell is the commentator, chances are I won't watch it. Perhaps he single-handedly pulls down the TV ratings on a lot of fights. Maybe some of the sponsors should check into this.

I stand behind Bert Sugar in saying to Mr. Cosell, "Please turn in your mike".

GEORGE HARDIN, LENOIR CITY, TENN.

CAN RING *BECOME BOXING'S* RING*MASTER?*

I HAVE BEEN A FAN OF BOXING AND *The Ring* for over 30 years and even after the questionable ending of the second

Leonard-Duran fight and the MAPS scandal, I still believe it's a great sport and that current fighters are as good as the fighters of the past.

I also believe that *Ring,* because of its interest in the best deal for boxing and fans, is one of the most qualified organizations to try to get the WBA and WBC together in some type of "Summit Meeting". Who knows? Maybe the WBC and WBA will finally realize that what the fans would like to see is only one champion in each division. If Jimmy Carter had some success in bringing Sadat and Begin together, it shows that it can be done! *JOSE C. CUEVAS, ORLANDO, FLA.*

THE WORD "GREAT" GRATES RING READER

WHEN I SAW PAUL FISHER'S PAEAN to the heavyweights of the 1970s and '80s in the January *Ring,* I had to reread it twice just to convince myself that he was serious. How can he talk about "the likes of Ali, Frazier, Foreman, etc."? The fighters in his list are not alike at all. Only Ali and Frazier can be considered "great"; Lyle, Bugner and Quarry cannot even be considered. And Larry Holmes, though a very good boxer, would certainly not rank "with the best of any era."

The most absurd part of Fisher's letter, however, was his dismissal of the greats whom he has the temerity to call "Smaller, slower and cruder than today's crop". Certainly, smaller targets, slower to hit the canvas, and cruder in their machinations to obtain huge fees for their services. The fighters of today deal for their bread; the fighters of yesteryear fought for it. Today's heavyweights may well be bigger than those of the past, but that is about all—and Willard was a lot bigger than Dempsey, wasn't he? On the whole, I agree with Buddy Baer, who said he would "love to be 27 years old again." I'd like him, or any other fighter of his era, to be that age again, too.

TOM RILEY, LOCKPORT, N.Y.

THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

1980 WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR BRITISH boxing. Perhaps the best ever. At present it appears that 1981 can be as good, if not better. The names to watch out for from these shores are as follows:

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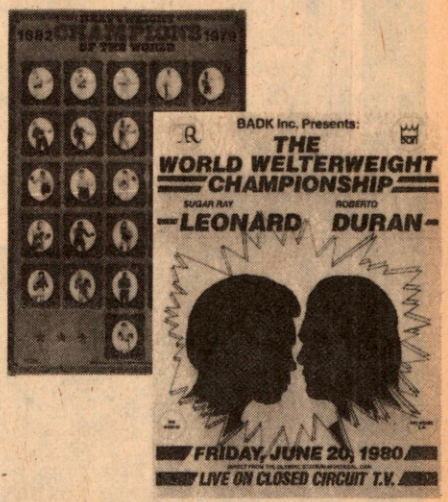

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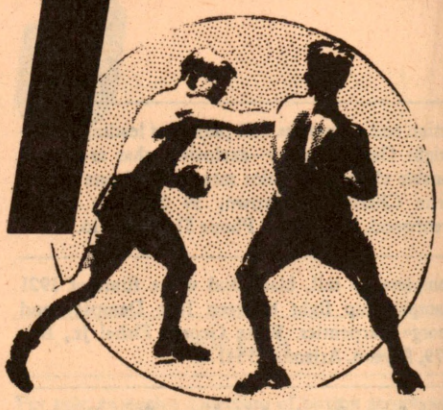

WHENEVER RODOLFO "SUPER GATO" Gonzalez fights in Southern California, the fans flock to the arena. This is the young lightweight this writer touted a year ago. He now stands on the threshold of a world title fight and he doesn't care which champion he faces! After performing a complete demolition job on veteran Vilomar Fernandez, who has been in with most of the iron in the division, recently at the Forum in Inglewood, California, Gonzalez feels he is now ready for the very best. Fernandez, who was floored only once previously by Roberto Duran in his 38-fight career, said: "I don't remember ever getting hit that hard. There is no question in my mind that Gato is the hardest puncher I've ever faced..." Enough said!

Rodolfo Gonzalez says there is a guy he hit harder than Fernandez and that was the Mexican lightweight champion Salvador Torrez, who succumbed in 36 seconds of the initial round! Rodolfo now sports a 20-0 pro ring slate, with 19 kayoes! A remarkable young man who is ranked #6 by *Ring Magazine.*

Leonardo Garcia, the seasoned trainer-manager of Gonzalez, feels his man is ready right now for either Jim Watt or Hilmer Kenty. Gonzalez would prefer Watt, as he figures the WBC title seems to carry a little more prestige with it. The gate at the Forum was $122,960 to a house of 9,387. They love this kid there. Fernandez has had enough of Rodolfo Gonzalez and it could well be that either Hilmer Kenty or Jim Watt will feel the same way, when and if they do meet.

Jackie Martin, former U.S. Coast Guard WW II champion, is still going at it in Philadelphia. Jackie, who was a sparring partner for the late former welterweight champ, Marto Servo, teams up with Jimmy Beecham and Leotis Martin,

two outstanding Philly Battlers, to teach the youngsters there how to defend themselves! Jackie Martin is a great guy, not to mention the ex-Philly contenders Beecham and Martin. While in Philadelphia, Jetson Arnold, brother of Billy, who lost the big one to Rocky Graziano (March 9th, 1945—three round kayo) is now an ordained minister. Jeston boxed Georgie Benton, Doug Ratford and a host of other top notchers himself. He didn't possess Billy's power, but he sure could box!

Happy to report that Marty Collins, who once tended bar for Jack Dempsey, is still seen among the "faces in the crowd." The recent Randy Shields-Tommy Hearns welterweight title fight (WBA version) held in Phoenix was the second world title tiff held in that city. Danny "Little Red" Lopez and Salvadore Sanchez, for the WBC featherweight crown was the first. Arizona's Bill Miller was local promoter, aided by Bruce Trampler and Steve Eisner.

Douglas Valiant, former ranking lightweight who lost his chance for a world title when he was defeated by Carlos Ortiz in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is now training fighters in Miami. It was veteran trainer and teacher of the manly art, Lou Gross who trained Ortiz for this successful defense. The date was April 7th, 1963, and Ortiz won via a kayo in 13 rounds and it seems like just yesterday—Where does the time fly?

The California politicians could make a fine selection to their athletic commission if they appoint Attorney Leo Fried. Fried is a former featherweight battler, fifty years ago under the Joe Herman aegis, and would make an excellent selection. For a change they would have a man who knows the game, inside and out—What about it? Fried's name has been mentioned for the open post.

Following his ten-round loss to John Tate, Nevada heavyweight, Harvey Steichen reportedly turned down matches with Scott Ledoux and Domingo D'Elia because of "short money." Maybe Steichen figures he's worth a lot now that he stood up to "soft chinned" Tate.

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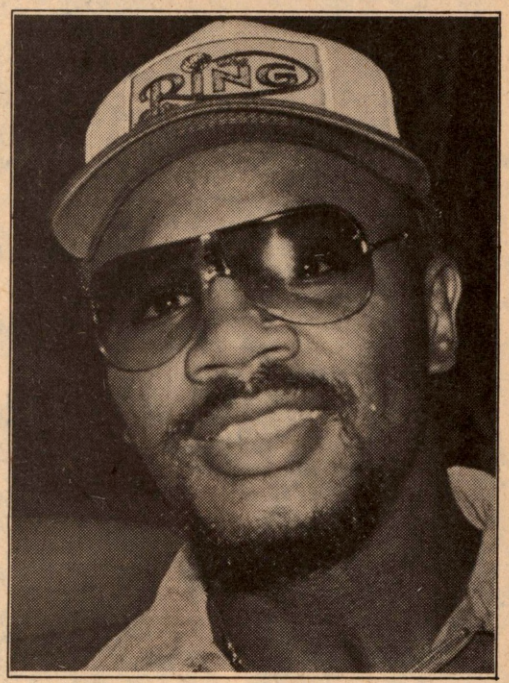

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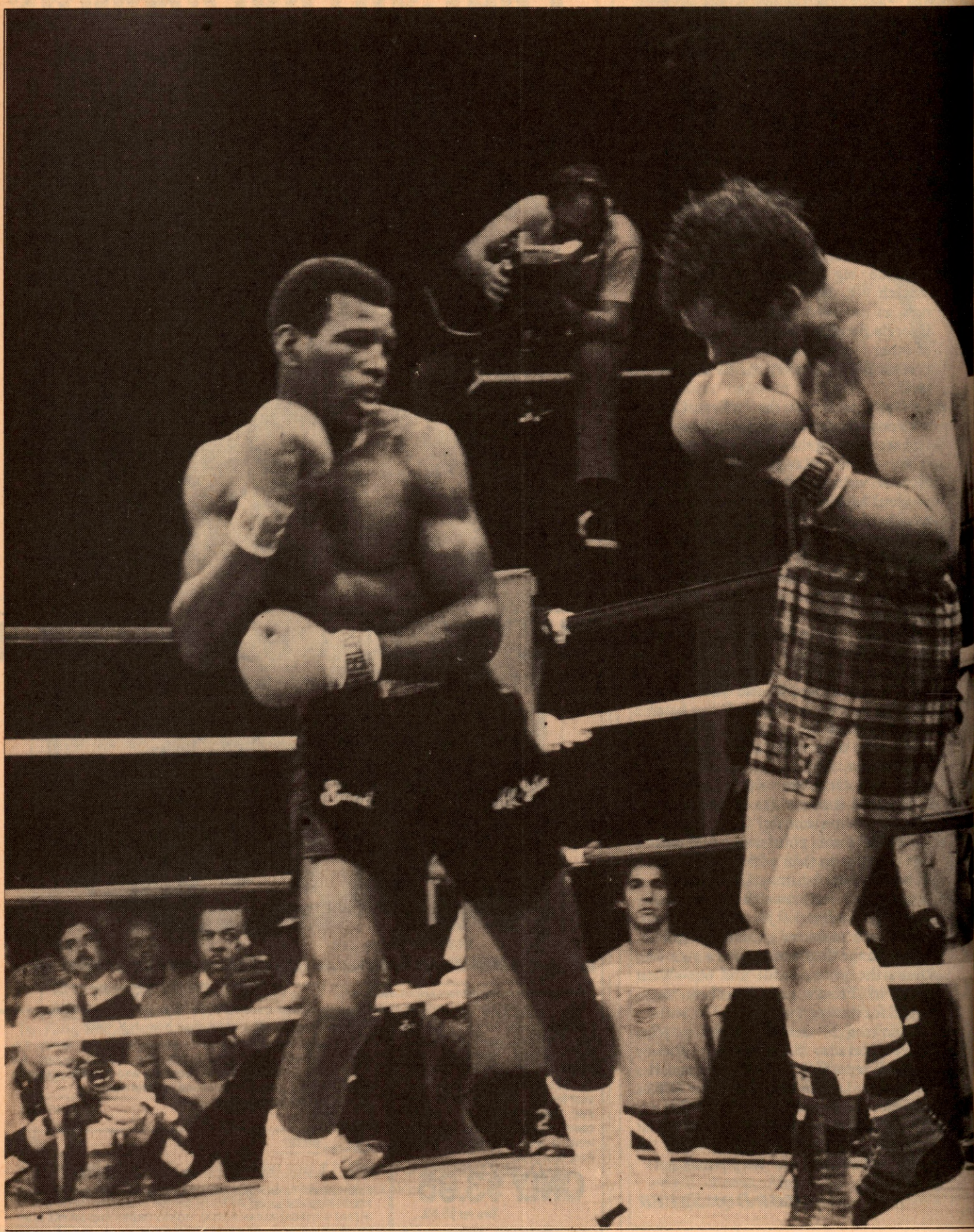

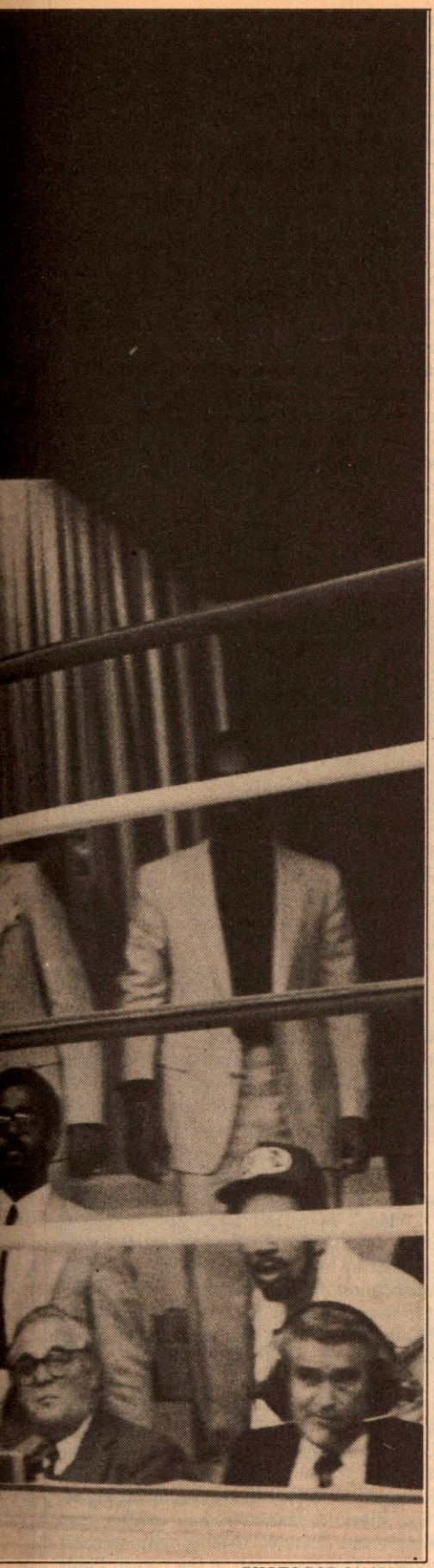

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NIGEL COLLINS ON SAAD MUHAMMAD'S SEARCH FOR HIS ELUSIVE IDENTITY- INSIDE THE RING & OUT

SHOW ME A HERO AND I'LL WRITE YOU A TRAGEDY.
—F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

The pine barrens suddenly give way to the salt marshes and there, nesting among the mist and smog, is Atlantic City. Until casino gambling was legalized here, this tattered old seaside resort managed to reach the public consciousness but once a year—that for the Miss America Pageant. Now, hardly a week goes by when one of the networks is not beaming a live boxing match from the saltwater taffy capital of the world. The coming weekend would be no exception. Matthew Saad Muhammad was scheduled to defend his WBC light heavyweight title against Murray Sutherland.

There, in the lobby of Resorts International, the host casino for the upcoming to-do, was the reigning light heavyweight champion, Saad Muhammad. Returning from late morning roadwork scant days before the fight, the champ seemed a celebrity unnoticed, strangely anonymous in the hotel where, less than a week later, he would be shedding blood for the amusement of the high rollers in the Superstar Theatre as well as for millions of boxing aficionados across the nation.

To the world of boxing Saad Muhammad is "Mr. Excitement", "The Comeback King," or, as one wag put it, "Boxing's Boomerang". His fights are an exercise in nail-biting. Seldom content to tally an easy win, Saad has staged more comebacks than Frank Sinatra. Blessed with a deluxe knockout punch, celestial recuperative powers and enough heart to stock a brigade of Marines, he is the prototype of today's sluggers. The idol of those among us who wallow in the truimph of brute strength over science and skill. His is

not the manly art of self defense; but rather the savage art of destruction, if not self-destruction.

It is an image that contradicts his demeanor away from the ring. For this reason, he has yet to receive the public's acclaim. For, the populace expects their brawling heroes to be wild and reckless, living their private lives the way they fight. If they look for that in Saad Muhammad, they are sure to be disappointed. For there they will find no Duran-like machismo, nor the private life of a Neon Leon. Instead, they will find a gentle man-child, confident of his physical prowess, yet still aware of his shortcomings.

THE CHAMPION WAS COMFORTably housed in a three-room suite on the tenth floor, overlooking the Boardwalk and the blue-grey Atlantic Ocean. The empty rides on the Steeple Chase Pier whirled through their helter-skelter gyrations even though there were few customers on "The Boards." Matthew adjorned to his bedroom and flopped on the bed with a sigh. He stretched out, clasped his hands behind his head, wiggled his toes and, with scant prompting, began to talk.

"I would like to make the people aware that they're not the only ones that have problems," he said wearily. "Some people think—'hey, you got it good. You are financially equipped, so that you can pay your way out.' I have problems too, you know. You can't pay your mind to say, 'OK, have a good day."

For as long as he can remember, Matt has known about those bad days. His worst came when he was only five years old. On June 16, 1959, he was found by a Philadelphia policewoman aimlessly wandering along the Ben Franklin Parkway, lost and scared.

The story of Saad's abandonment and rise to the top of his profession has been told—and retold—by the media until it is almost a cliche, a tale steeped in the Hollywood tradition. According to the popular version, after a futile search for his parents, the police turned him over to the Catholic Social Service, where the nuns named him "Matthew Franklin"—Matthew, Saad himself speculates, because of his own lisped mispronunciation of the name 'Maxwell' and Franklin for the parkway upon which he was found.

Eventually Saad was placed in the home of John and Bertha Santos, a loving Portuguese foster-family who treated him as one of their own. Mrs. Santos died a few years ago, shortly after Matt won the title, but her husband is still very much a part of Muhammad's life and is ringside for most of his fights.

Saad always yearned to fill in the gaps in his life and when boxing brought him wealth, he offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the whereabouts of his lost family.

"I just wanted to know why they did it—why they never claimed me."

Ann Young was reading a copy of *Jet Magazine* last year when something clicked in her memory bank. The picture accompaning the story on Saad looked a lot like little Maxie Loach, a neighborhood child who had been lost years ago. She wasn't sure at first but, when another photograph of Muhammad ran in a later issue, she decided to write. Matt turned the letter over to his attorney. The hunt was on.

A BIRTH CERTIFICATE WAS LOcated bearing the name Maxwell Antonio Loach, dated August 5, 1954. Things moved quickly after that. It was discovered that the mother was dead and the father's fate unknown. The remainder of the Loach family, four half-sisters and a half-brother, were found in the Philadelphia area. Was this for real? Was Saad's search for his identity finally over? A meeting was arranged.

A snapshot taken that day shows a group of attractive women and a man clustered around the champ, who wore a bemused smile. There is a definite facial resemblance between them all.

An attempt to match the footprints on the birth certificate with those of Saad have proved inconclusive. Nevertheless, he is satisfied that the Loaches *are* his real family. They were able to successfully answer questions that only Saad and members of his genuine family could know. The reunion with his half-brother, Rodney, was particularly poignant, for it was he who abandoned Maxie on that summer afternoon. It was Rodney who filled in most of the wretched details.

The story is not a pleasant one. Maxwell's mother had already left her sons with relatives when the burden of too many children, too soon, became unbearable. They in turn, also decided to dump him. The vile chore was given to Rodney, then only a child himself. He was told to take his younger brother out and not come back with him or he would be the next to go. When an attempt to unload Maxie with another relative failed, Rodney was afraid to return home with his problem still in tow. He told Maxie, "Let's have a race," then took off as fast as he could, not looking back for another 20 years.

"It's deep, man," whispered Saad. "The story made me cry. It shocked me. I'm still stunned."

The hurt of such a terrifying ordeal, the years of wondering why he had been so callously rejected, still pain him. But they seem to have left no scars and, perhaps most remarkably, no bitterness. Maybe fate had stepped in and taken this child by the hand and molded him into a man capable of winning a world championship, capable of rallying back from dreadful ring beating after ring beating to emerge victorious. Saad seems to think so.

"If what happened to me, didn't happen, I don't know where I'd be today. But I know one thing: I came from a pretty bad family. I'd probably be in my brother's shoes. He's got a little piece of a job and is not doing too good."

AS WORKOUT TIME APPROACHES members of Muhammad's burgeoning entourage filter into—and out—of the room, a constant reminder of his newly-found lifestyle. Always present is Mustafa Ameen, his personal secretary and buffer. A slender, bearded man with thick glasses, who would look somewhat studious if it wasn't for the toothpic stuck incongruously in the corner of his mouth. Also on hand is Lana Shabazz, formerly cook for Muhammad Ali. Lana wasn't permitted to use the kitchen at Resorts, so she contents herself with selecting the champ's meals from the room-service menu. Later that day, she hovers like a mother hen, sampling each dish before allowing Matt to eat. Discovering that the carrots were overcooked seems to be her major contribution. Then there is Yusef Shah, a large, shaven-skulled man, whose task is to push a cart loaded with boxing equipment to the gym and back once a day. The rest of his time is spent watching television.

Saad's manager, Bilal Muhammad, was away on business, but most of the happy cast of characters were already aboard the good ship Saad, There were sparring partners Tony Green and Kenny Ringo, trainer Sam Solomon and his assistants Milt Baily and Saleem El-Amin, Matt's girl friend, as well as his personal photographer Paul Trace, who is documenting Saad's life. ("I photograph everything he does, except when he goes to the bathroom," grins Trace.)

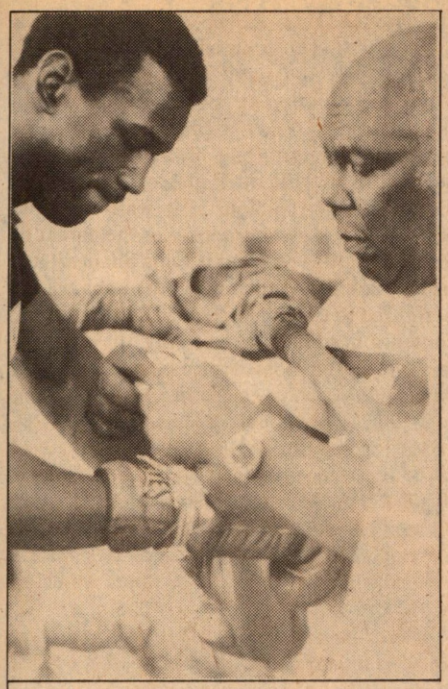
The cost of maintaining such an entourage is draining and, when a series of pesky phone calls stirs Matt from his nap, the subject was broached.

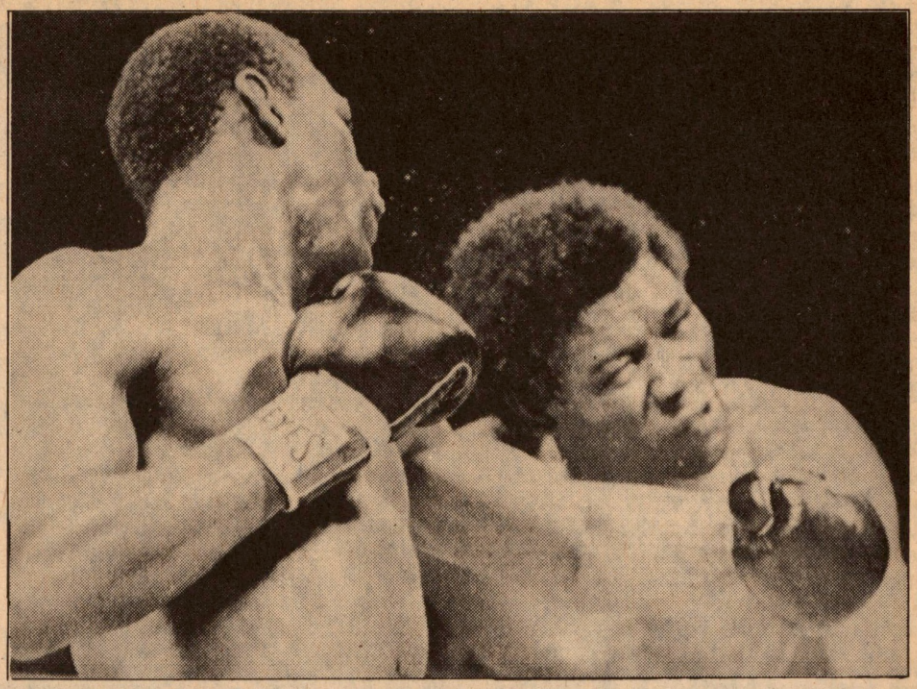
"I am just enjoying the comforts a champion is supposed to have, that's all!" he says with a giggle. "I had to sacrifice a lot of things to get where I am and now I'm not going to let myself go." He sure isn't.

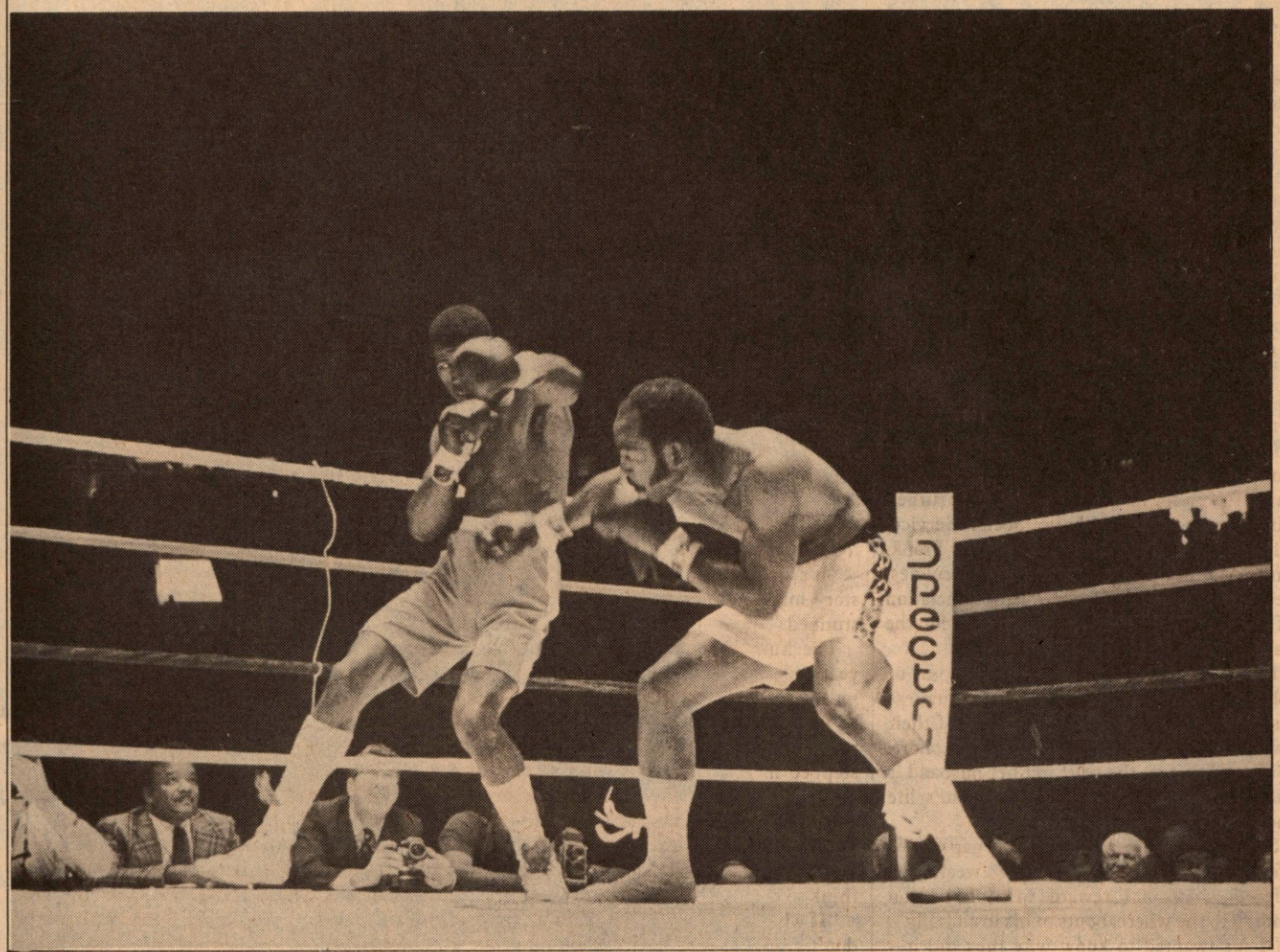
The champion's sparring sessions are much like his fights. He permits gross indignities for most of the round and then lest anyone forget who's boss, opens up with a flurry of bombs in the last 30 seconds of a round. Hardly the stuff lengthy careers are made of.

Solomon, that grandfatherly conditioner, who always seems to be around the big money, (he trained Ernie Terrell, Eugene "Cyclone" Hart and Leon Spinks, among many others) yells for Saad to watch out for punches up the middle. His instructions go, for the most part, unheeded. Needless to say, it is an uppercut by Sutherland, up the middle, that splits Matt's lip open the following Saturday.

In order to understand Muhammad's ring style one has to look back to his 18th professional bout in March of 1977. At the time, Don Elbaum was running a television tournament along the lines of the ill-fated Don King—ABC United States championship series. Elbaum's bankroll was smaller than King's, but his matchmaking skills were far superior. One classic bill, at the ancient Philly







Top left: Trainer Sam Salomon laces up the champ's gloves. Photo taken by Paul K. Trace, Muhammad's personal photographer. Top right: Hooked in Halifax. Matthew Saad sends Louis Pergaud down for a deep 10. Above: Lost and Found. Marvin Johnson looked, but "Matt Franklin" found victory by TKO in the 12th.

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD

(AKA Matthew Franklin)

Born, June 16, 1954, Philadelphia, Pa. Weight, 175 lbs. Height, 5 ft. 11 in.

1974

Jan.	14—Billy Early, Philadelphia	KO	2
Feb.	25—Bele Apolosa, Paris	W	4
Mar.	11—Roy Ingram, Philadelphia	W	4
May	22—Joe Middleton, Philadelphia	KO	5
July	15—Joe Jones, Philadelphia	KO	3
Sept.	10—Lloyd Richardson, Philadelphia	KO	4
Oct.	22—Joe Middleton, Alexandria, Va.	KO	2
Dec.	10—Wayne McGee, Philadelphia	L	6

1975

Feb.	25—Vandell Woods, Philadelphia	KO	6
July	24—Roosevelt Brown, Philadelphia	KO	4
Oct.	21—Wayne McGee, Philadelphia	D	6

1976

Feb.	13—Harold Carter, Baltimore	W	10
May	21—Mate Parlov, Milan	W	8
July	17—Marvin Camel, Stockton	W	10
Sept.	15—Bobby Walker, Scranton	KO	4
Oct.	23—Marvin Camel, Missoula	L	10
Dec.	3—Mate Parlov, Trieste	D	10

1977

Mar.	11—Eddie Gregory, Philadelphia	L	10
Apr.	21—Joe Maye, Wilmington	W	10
June	23—Ed Turner, Philadelphia	KO	6
July	26—Marvin Johnson, Philadelphia	KO	12
	(Won Vacant NABF Light Heavyweight Title)		
Sept.	17—Billy Douglas, Philadelphia	KO	6
	(Retained NABF Light Heavyweight Title)		
Nov.	1—Lee Royster, Philadelphia	W	10

1978

Feb.	10—Richie Kates, Philadelphia	KO	6
	(Retained NABF Light Heavyweight Title)		
June	19—Dale Grant, Philadelphia	KO	5
Aug.	16—Freddie Bright, Newark	KO	8
Oct.	24—Yaqui Lopez, Philadelphia	KO	11
	(Retained NABF Light Heavyweight Title)		

1979

Apr.	22—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis	KO	8
	(Won WBC Light Heavyweight Title)		
Aug.	18—John Conteh, Atlantic City	W	15
	(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight Title)		

1980

Mar.	29—John Conteh, Atlantic City	KO	4
	(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight Title)		
May	13—Louis Pergaud, Halifax, N.S.	KO	5
	(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight Title)		

1981

Feb.	28—Vonzell Johnson, Atlantic City	KO	11
	(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight Title)		
Apr.	25—Murray Sutherland, Atlantic City	KO	9
	(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight Title)		

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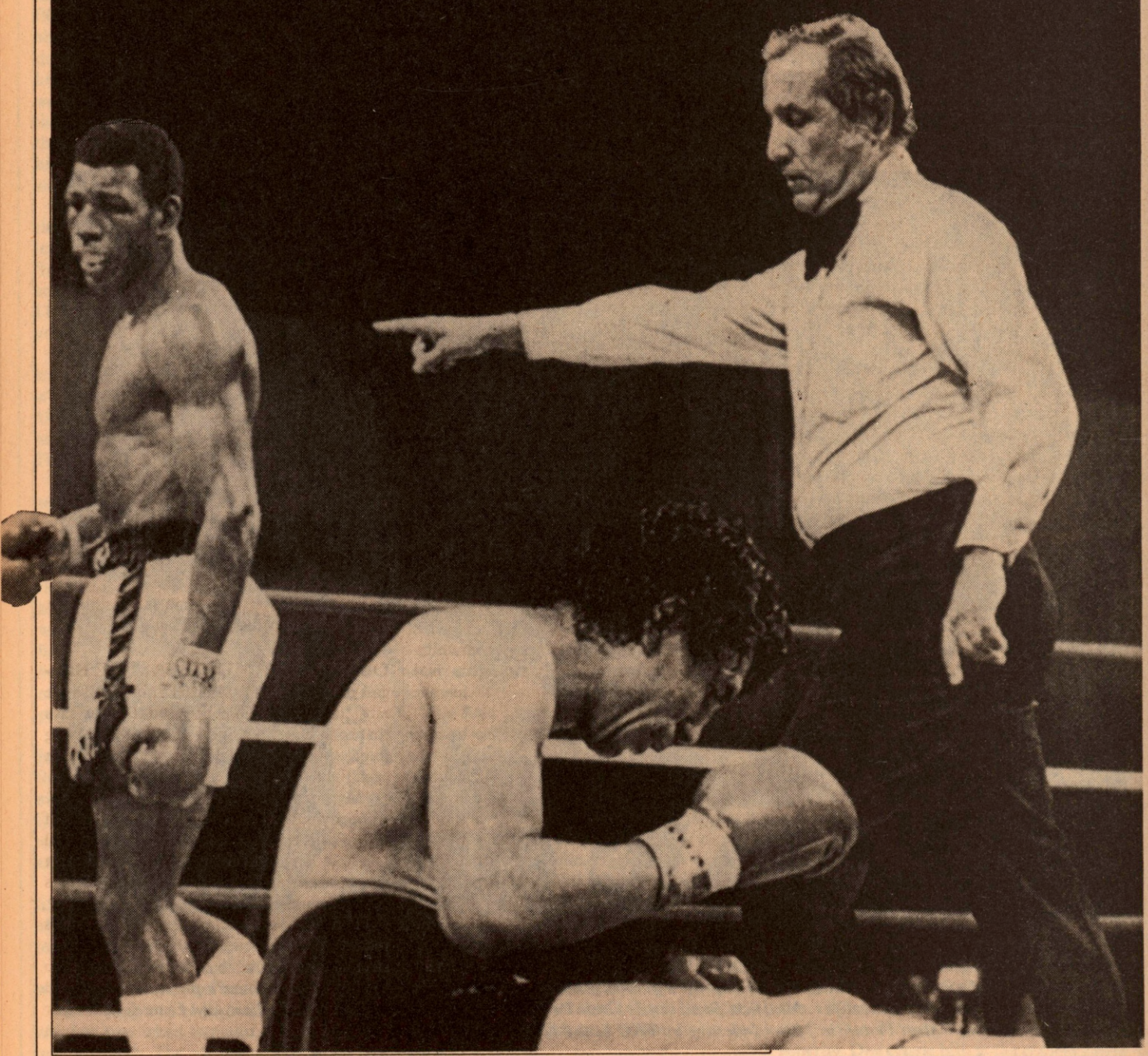


Arena, presented a double-header featuring three boxers who would later go on the win world titles. Vito Antuofermo outpunched "Cyclone" Hart in one match and in the other Matthew Franklin—as he was then known—squared off against none other than Eddie Gregory, soon to become Mustafa Muhammad.

UP UNTIL THAT POINT MATT had been basically a careful counter-puncher. Wins over Mate Parlov and Marvin Camel had earned him respect. However, the fans were not exactly breaking down doors to give him respect. He surprised Gregory, and himself, by dropping Eddie in the opening round with a sneak right. Franklin seemed shocked at what he had done and went into a defensive shell for most of the remaining rounds. Gregory, often criticized for being overly nonchalant, uncharacteristically hustled his way to a controversial split-decision. This upset Matthew so much that he com pletely changed his ring philosophy. He vowed never to be short-changed again. From then on, it would be kill or be killed; take no survivors. In 17 bouts since then—all wins—only two opponents have gone the distance.

The come-from-behind legend began with the first Marvin Johnson fight at the Spectrum in July of 1977. It was a brutal give-and-take war in the finest Philly tradition. And when Matthew shrugged off alarming punishment to kayo Johnson in the 12th and final round, suddenly a star was born.

On his way to the title our protagonist's fights took on the appearance of an instant replay. He was forced to scrape himself off the canvas before disposing of both Bill Douglas and Richie Kates. Yagui Lopez also provided a few anxious moments before succumbing. These last-ditch heroics had become a habit.

Finally matched in a return go with Johnson—Marvin had by then recovered well enough to thrash Parlov for the WBC belt—Matthew was given his first dose of exposure on national TV. He gave America a vintage performance. Following his usual shoddy start, he suffered an ugly gash and was in danger of bleeding to death when the cavalry, in the form of a prodigious right hand, came charging to the rescue in the eighth round. A round, not incidentally, that was named *Ring Magazine's* 1978 "Round of the Year."

SAAD HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN his title seven times, staging supernatural comebacks in his first encounter with John Conteh and then again against old nemesis Lopez in 1980's "Fight of the Year". His two most recent defenses against Vonzell Johnson and Sutherland called for miracles of a minor nature after—you guessed it—he squandered the early rounds to clearly inferior opponents. How much longer these spectacular resurrections can continue is anybody's guess. Certainly not indefinitely; just ask Denny "Little Red" Lopez.

Like so many of his generation, Matthew was enamored of Ali. He patterned much of his career and life after his hero. There was, most notably, the same embracing of Islam and a similar change of names. Saad also publicly announced his conversion, like Ali, on the occasion of his winning the world title. He is surrounded by people who got their start at the fringe of Ali's robe. It would be easy to assume that he's just a naive clod caught up in idolatry. This, however, is *not* the case. Some of America's black youth may have become Muslim because it was the "in" thing to do. Others, Saad among them, turned to the teachings of the Prophet Mohammed as a safe habor in their sea of confusion. When the teenage Franklin found himself in the slammer because of his gang war activities, he needed more than his fists to see him through. And Allah was there.

Frank Gelb, currently the Director of Sports at Resorts, at one time managed Saad and has crossed law suits with him on several occasions when money and contracts became a bone of contention. If anybody had a bad rap to lay on the Muslim influence in the champ's life, it should be Gelb. Not so.

"I've noticed a tremendous change in Matthew since he became a Muslim," says Gelb. "He's much more serious, more dedicated and is better versed . . . has more wordly knowledge. It's worked out well for everybody. I've seen him grow from a kid to a man."

IF ANYONE DESERVES CREDIT for Matt's personal metamorphosis it would be Bilal Muhammad. Bilal has that proverbial cat-that-swallowed-the-canary look about him, his smile one of almost smug contentment. When his presence was first made known to the press—around the time of the second fight with Marvin Johnson—he introduced himself as Matt's "religious advisor". After some preliminary wrangling, he emerged as the manager of record. He was a salesman before becoming a management consultant and still knows how to peddle his wares. Saad's purses have surpassed anything in the history of the light heavyweight division and Bilal has helped make them—the man as well as the purses—rich.

Concerned over Saad's relative lack of exposure outside the sporting pages and, considering the short lifespan of a boxer, Bilal hired the New York public relations firm of Rogers & Cowan to package the champ. They hope to make inroads into the lucrative area of commercial endorsements—and what jock doesn't? Unfortunately, being the light heavyweight champion of the world is viewed somewhat akin to the second man to fly the Atlantic by those on Madison Avenue.

Still, Muhammad has a working agreement with two advertisers—Sasson and Pony. He wears their gear in the ring for a small remuneration. The big bucks, however, might be right around the corner. Several production companies expressed an interest in making a movie about Saad's life. He was offered a part in *Rocky III,* but when he learned that he would become a Sylvester Stallone knockout victim, his ego flared, and he turned it down.

"I've got my pride, Man. I don't get beat in the ring and I'm not about to get beat on the screen. And besides, they weren't going to use my real name."

THE HOUSE SITS ON THE CREST of an affluent suburban street just outside of Philadelphia. It is a sprawling split-level with manicured grounds and a swimming pool in the back. Music blares from inside, but no one is home. I know I'm at the right place because a small sign on the front lawn reads "Muhammad's Summit". Before long a silver Mercedes roars up the road and slams to a halt at the curb. Out pops Saad and his beautiful lady, all smiles.

"I know, I know I'm late" he laughs. "How long you been waiting?"

We go inside and take the grand tour.

We settle in the combination library-trophy room, a video tape of the Sutherland knockout flickering violently on the screen. Saad's mounting battle wounds are plainly evident in the close proximity of the couch. When looked squarely in the face, he gingerly fingers his battered eyebrows.

"When I get cut I don't want to see anybody . . . I don't want to talk to anybody. I'm very self-conscious. I would like to stay looking good, but hey, if you're a fighter, that's what comes with the winnings."

It is this, as well as the wish to get out of the racket with all his faculties intact, that has Saad talking retirement. His major remaining goal is to unify the title. The dream match with Eddie Mustafa died along with MAPS and now he's talking about moving up to the heavies. If Mustafa stays with the big boys, the WBA brass, in their infinite non-wisdom, almost certainly will not recognize Saad. There is no money in that! It could, then, be some time before unification is possible, let alone financially feasible. What's left?

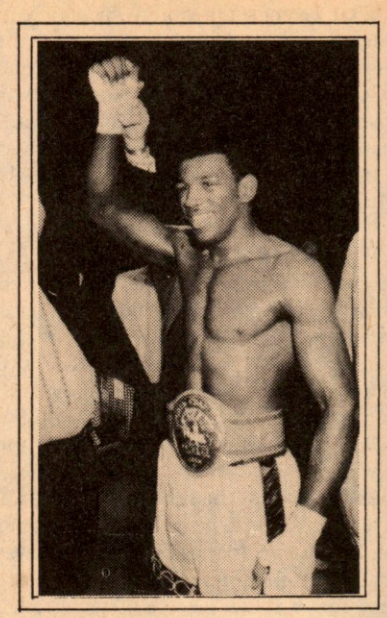
OUTSIDE OF MUSTAFA, THE BIGgest money match is Michael Spinks. Also the most dangerous. One body of thought says that Saad better get Spinks soon, if he's going to get him at all. Michael is improving with each fight.

"My doctor says I need three months off. My body—after two title defenses in a span of 56 days—is crying out for a rest. My lip will take that long to heal anyway. then, if I can't unify the title, I'll probably take on Stinks . . . er, Spinks."

There is also talk of breaking Bob Foster's record of 11 defenses. That would surely stretch destiny, and Saad's physiognomy, to the limit. Can he do it? Maybe so . . . for Saad Muhammad has already come a long way from the Franklin Parkway lo those 20 years ago.

A CHILL WIND

blew outside the Montgomery County Boys' Club, on the outskirts of Philadelphia, the kind of wind that can't make up its mind whether or not to herald spring or perpetuate winter. Inside, Matthew Saad Muhammad was sweating, the result of one of his last workouts before second defense of the World Boxing Council lightheavyweight title. "I only want to fight two more years," said Saad as his gloves were being peeled off by trainer Sam Solomon. "I don't like to get hit, but fighting is what I do best. I'd rather be a writer, or something, if I could. Nobody likes to get hit."



That was March, 1980. Since then Matthew Saad Muhammad—the Philadelphian found wandering on the Ben Franklin Parkway by police and initially given the name Matthew Franklin,—has defended his crown six more times. And he has been hit a lot more. He is only 26 years old, but some boxing observers and friends of Saad think he should quit, now that he has lost just enough in the ring to be risking his health every time he steps into it. And that brutal fights like last year's awesome battle with Yaqui Lopez have drained him. He has been such an active champion that he has opted for a rest, until September, at least, both to recharge his energies and to let heal a seven stitch gash on his lip inflicted by Murray Sutherland in their April 25 title fight.

But Muhammad is coming back. His goal now, after a brief flirtation with the heavyweight division, is to better Bob Foster's record of 12 straight lightheavyweight defenses. Far from considering retirement, he is now planning at least six more title fights. The insiders in Muhammad's camp do not believe he has lost anything. They won't even admit he takes a lot of punches. They feel that it is a bad "Rap", one which lingers from his early career when every fight he was in seemed like a re-enactment of Gettysburg.

"He is not as strong physically," said Saad Muhammad's manager Blal Muhammad. "But he is stronger mentally. I think his defense is improving a whole lot." This is also the tact Solomon takes. He, too, says Muhammad took too many punches in his earlier days, but now is a much wiser fighter who blocks more of his opponents' shots than people give him credit for. "He's not taking punches," said Solomon. "He's blocking them with his hands, with his arms." "People who refuse to acknowledge that," said Solomon, "are being fooled. They're seeing something that isn't there. He's catching jabs in the palms of his hands, in the shoulder. He's rolling with the punches or slipping them. He's not being given credit for those things."

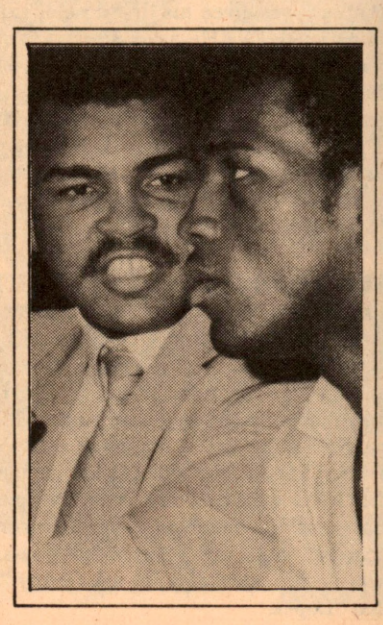
HAS SAAD HAD IT?

BY LEW FRIEDMAN

World Boxing Association lightheavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad said recently that he can't get fights within the division because everyone wants to fight Saad Muhammad. "Everyone thinks they can beat him," said Mustafa Muahmmad. "He looks like he can be beaten." It is an interesting observation because even though he has been a successful and outstanding champion with a knockout punch that is more than occasionally compared to a sledgehammer, Saad Muhammad doesn't get much respect among the lightheavies.

"Most definitely, he can be hit," said Vonzell Johnson just before he was stopped by Saad Muhammad in the 11th round of their title fight. "He's deceiving. It looks like he's ready to go and he's not ready to go. It takes a little from their (his opponents' hearts. He's got a lot of endurance. The guy's tough and durable." Johnson felt he could win the fight by staying away from Saad Muhammad. That strategy worked for a while, but, as Saad himself said afterwards, "As always, Saad Muhammad comes back." When the Sutherland fight was halted in the ninth round Sutherland was screaming he was winning. But perhaps the loudest and most vehement excoriation of Saad Muhammad's abilities came from Dwight Braxton, whose June fight with Saad was called off after Saad suffered the lip wound against Sutherland.

Braxton thinks he can massacre Saad Muhammad. "I don't get no pleasure out of beating a man senseless," said Braxton. "Saad's got the perfect style for me. He will get his head knocked off. I will beat him unmercifully." Taken collectively, this is a peculiar attitude for a group of reasonably sensible lightheavyweights to take in light of Saad Muhammad's 30-3-2 lifetime record.



The pattern is recent Saad Muhammad defenses shows a slow start—That was true against Johnson, Sutherland and Lopez, but not true against Conteh, Lotte Mwale, and Louis Pergaud. Then, gradually, Saad Muhammad warms up, almost as if he's used the first few rounds for a workout, and by the middle rounds of his scheduled 15-rounders, he takes over. "That's pace," said Solomon. "That's what he's learned. He's pacing himself much better. The other fighters are running and running. They set a very fast pace and they can't keep it up. Then Saad catches up to them."

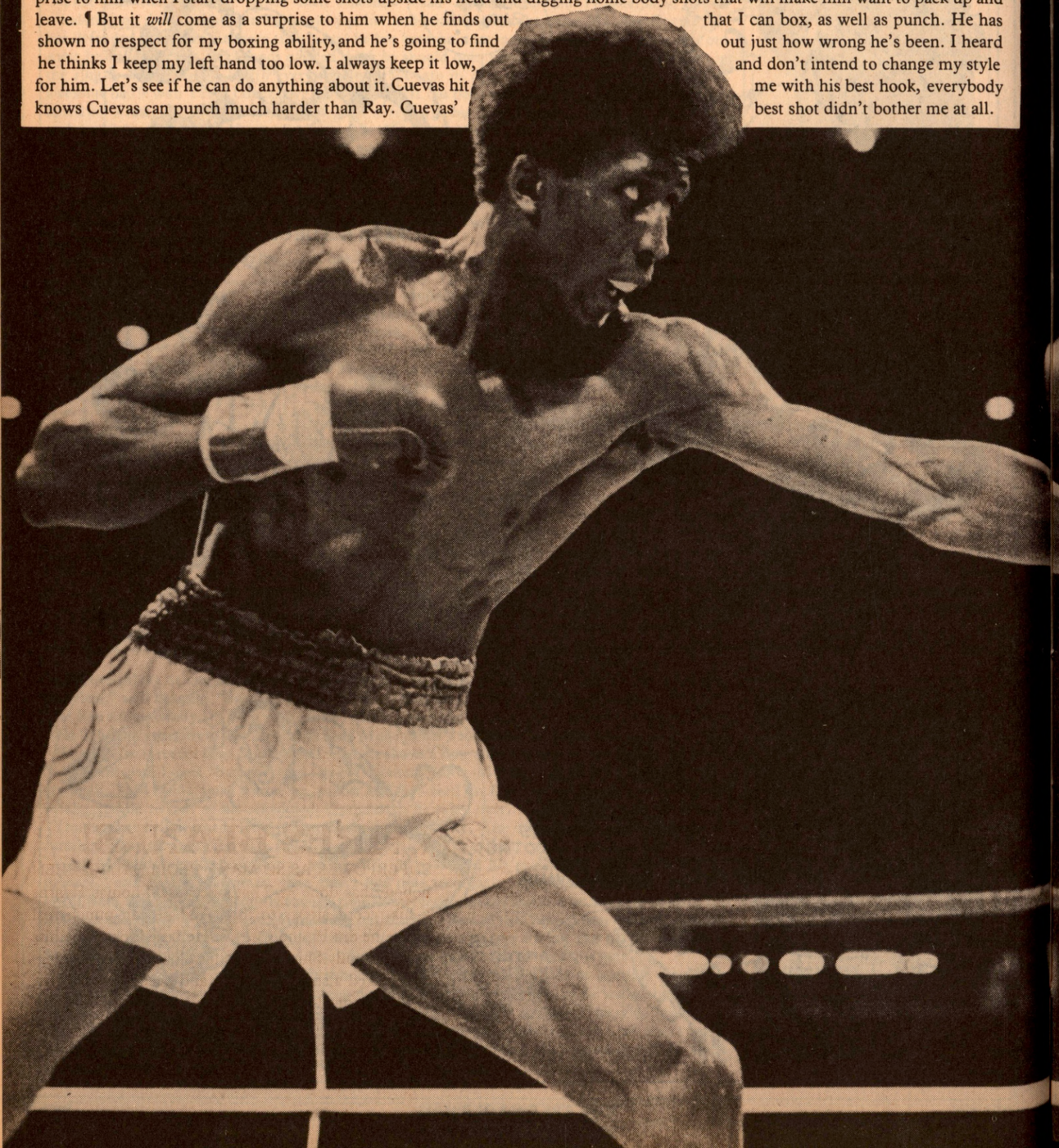
Saad Muhammad is relaxing now, taking time to reflect on his profession. "He wants a little privacy," said Bilal Muhammad. "He hasn't had time to organize his personal affairs. This—the layoff from April to September—is enough time to reorganize and to assess what we have done in the last year-and-a-half." What Saad Muhammad has accomplished in that time is impressive and considerable, as is his goal of 13 title defenses. "Nobody likes to get hit on the head," said Bilal Muhammad, echoing his client's thoughts. "But we're not going to be around that long."

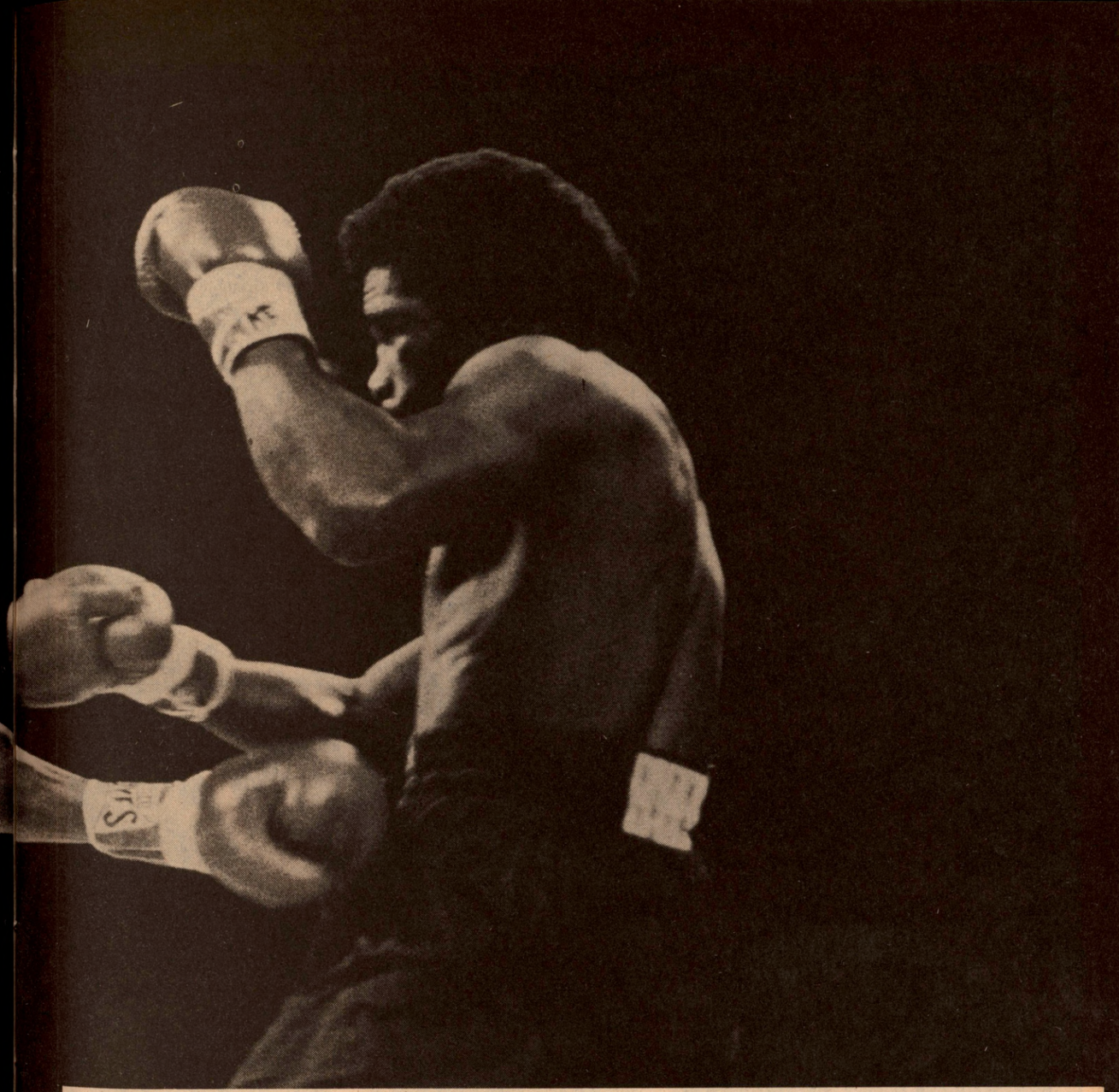
Saad is thinking that way, too. He's thinking about making movies, about starting a gym for youngsters, about making money, not taking punches. Right now, though, as he wades through his next six fights, most of his thoughts are of making money. "I'll fight anybody," he said, "as long as they pay me very well for my deeds." What that attitude means, of course, is that we won't really know if Saad Muhammad has lost it until he has actually lost it—that championship belt he wears around his waist.

HOW MOVIE BUFFS LOVE THOSE HOLLYWOOD FIGHT FLICKS!

HEARNS: SUGAR RAY WILL TAKE HIS LUMPS!

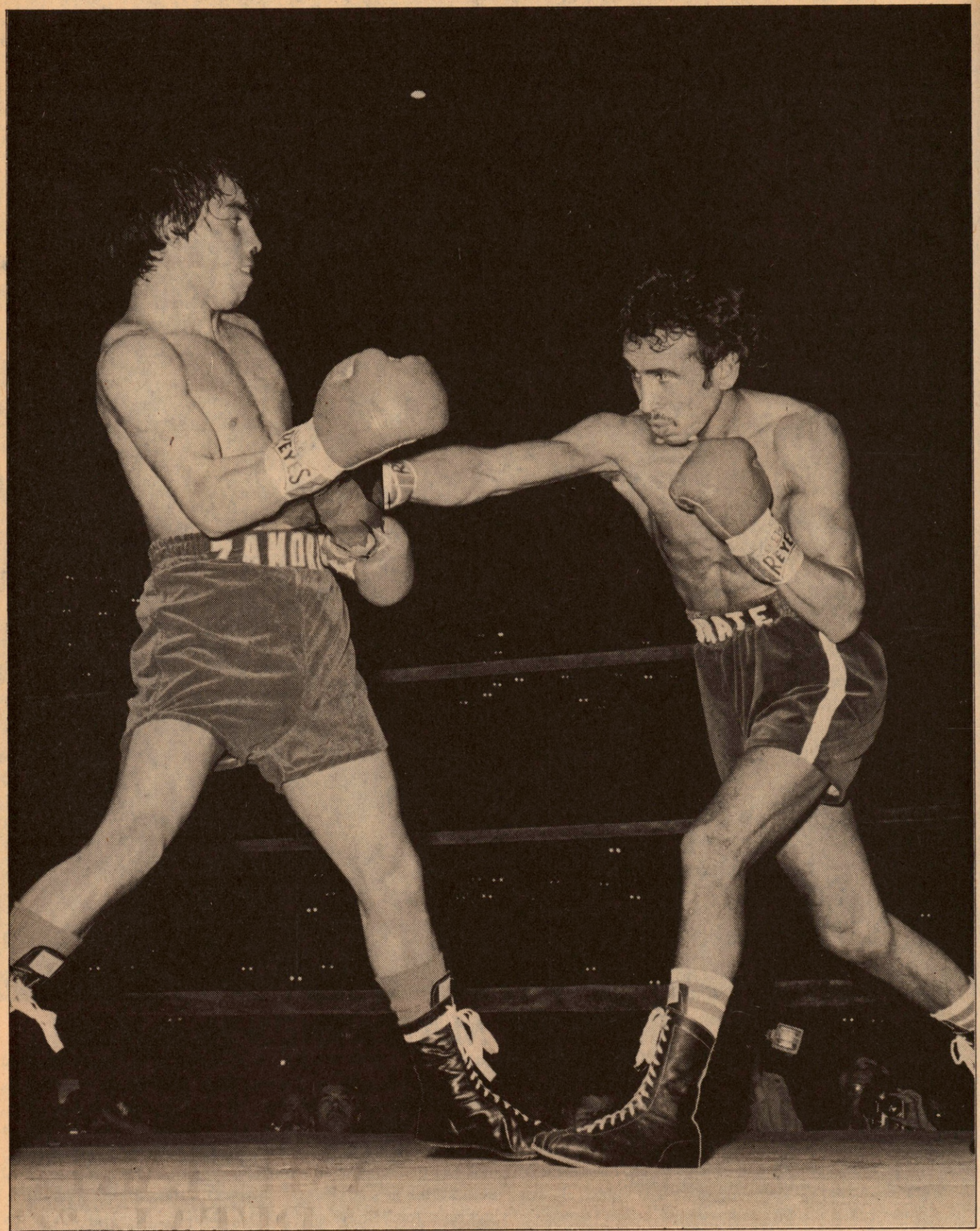
RAY IS A REAL GOOD BOXER AND A MUCH BETTER PUNCHER THAN PEOPLE THINK. BUT I AM ALSO A GOOD boxer, and certainly a much better puncher than he is. He has never fought a man who was as fast as he is, taller than him, has a longer reach and much greater punching power. For every move he makes, I'll be there every step of the way. ¶ I expect the first few rounds of the fight to be more or less a feeling out process. We'll be testing each other, doing a lot of feinting and jabbing. If he decides to go crazy and try to slug with me, I'll be happy to oblige him. But I expect he'll be on his bicycle, moving side to side, in and out, up and down, using the entire ring. In that case, I'll use the entire ring also. I'll be in no rush. This is a 15-round fight. ¶ After our feeling out process, which, as I said, may last a few rounds because he'll make it that way, the fight will go completely in my favor. It will be all Thomas Hearns. He already knows I'm the hardest hitter in the division. So it will come as no surprise to him when I start dropping some shots upside his head and digging home body shots that will make him want to pack up and leave. ¶ But it *will* come as a surprise to him when he finds out that I can box, as well as punch. He has shown no respect for my boxing ability, and he's going to find out just how wrong he's been. I heard he thinks I keep my left hand too low. I always keep it low, and don't intend to change my style for him. Let's see if he can do anything about it. Cuevas hit me with his best hook, everybody knows Cuevas can punch much harder than Ray. Cuevas' best shot didn't bother me at all.





LEONARD: THE HIT MAN FIRES BLANKS!

THOMAS HEARNS IS A HUMAN BEING, NOT SOME IMMORTAL SUPERPOWER AS SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN led to believe. And because he is human, he can be beaten. So far, nobody has done it. That's because Thomas Hearns hasn't fought Sugar Ray Leonard until now. ¶ Hearns is real good—his record attests to that. And he can punch real hard—as his record also testifies. But he isn't going to hit me with solid shots. Like he did Pipino Cuevas. He'll be lucky if he hits me at all. I'm gonna put moves on him like he's never seen before. You saw how bad Randy Shields made him look just by moving. Can you imagine just how bad Shields would have made him look had he not suffered a shoulder injury and been able to throw punches? ¶ I don't believe Hearns is a smart fighter. By that I mean I think he's mechanical—if you cross his wires or fight differently than the way he's been programmed, he can't cope. If a fighter runs from him, Hearns can chase him and beat him. If a fighter slugs with Hearns, Hearns will slug right back. But nobody has ever put an assortment of moves and speed on Hearns, along with power. Against me he will see it all . . . and feel it all. ¶ His defense is not the tightest, either. He can be hit. I know he thinks he takes a pretty good punch. We'll find out just how good a punch he takes. And if he does take a good rap, he's gonna take a lot of them. Hearns is gonna get hit more than he ever got hit before . . . Over and over again. ¶ Hearns' fans all think he's the top welterweight in the world. After the fight, they'll know different.



[From Z to Z. Zarate's right puts Zamora asleep in the fourth.]

CARLOS ZARATE: THE FORMER CHAMP TAKES IT 'E-Z' WITH A CAPITAL 'Z'

¶Few fighters in the history of modern boxing have earned a reputation that could match that which Carlos Zarate—pronounced ZA-RA-TAY—achieved in the 1970's. Zarate was a rare superchampion, but for most of his career he was virtually unknown outside Mexico and southern California. And when finally he was on the verge of greater media recognition and better paydays, the still young Zarate stunned the fight world by dropping out of boxing.

BY CHRISTOPHER COATS

¶Reared in the sprawling slums of Mexico City, Zarate went undefeated in his first nine years as a professional fighter. He trained zealously; some claimed too hard. He won the World Boxing Council bantamweight title in May, 1976, from classy Rodolfo Martinez, and made nine successful defenses. He was handsome and well-mannered. But it was his extraordinary punching power that was the soul of his fantastic mystique. Incredibly, 50 of his 51 victories came by knockout; and consider this, only eight of his knockout victims survived past the fifth round!

And yet after losing his title two years ago, in what could easily have been one of the worst decisions of the decade, Zarate abruptly gave up boxing. He has not looked back on it since.

The former 118-pound champion now lives in one of the new middle-class neighborhoods of Mexico City with his wife and three children. Just 29 years old, Zarate is today a prosperous businessman, the owner of real estate and a large furniture store. He avoids publicity. His weight is almost 160. No longer would one think of striking a match on his rib cage.

Zarate's last fight was in Las Vegas in June of 1979, when stablemate and long-time sparring partner Guadaulupe Pintor captured his title on a split decision. The usually accurate UPI scored the fight 12-3 for Zarate. The former champion's face was filled with shock when the decision was announced. Even tough, little Lupe Pintor, with both eyes nearly shut, appeared dumbfounded when the referee raised his arm.

The next day Zarate issued a bitter statement. "For some reason I have been robbed of my title by the officials in Nevada. I want the World Boxing Council to study a film of the fight. I should be given my title back. The decision was a terrible disgrace."

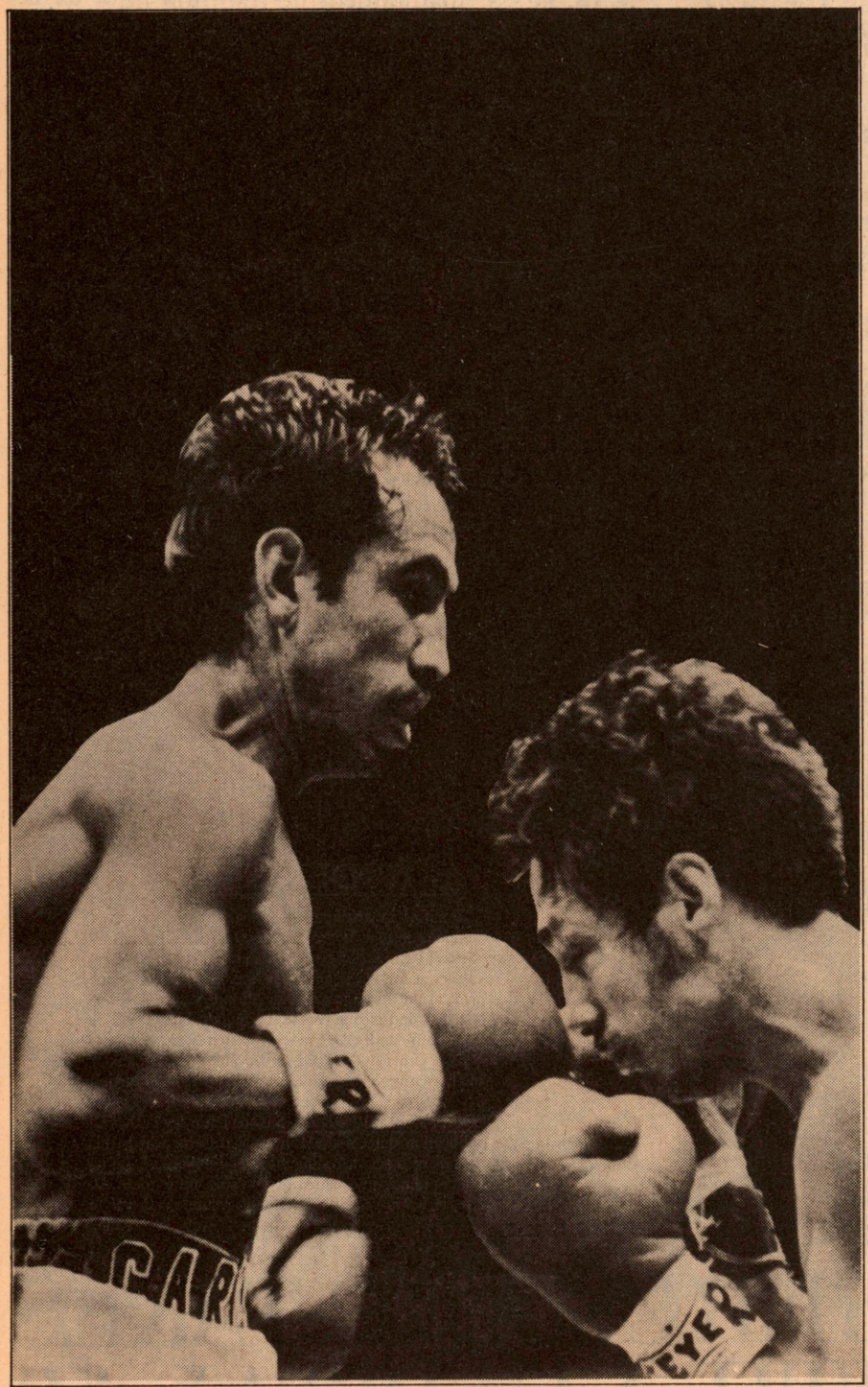
It was known that the deposed champion had feuded with his long-time manager, Cuyo Hernandez, who, not incidentally, also handled Pintor. Prior to the fight, the Nevada State Athletic Commission, sensitive to the possibility of chicanery, ordered Hernandez to work neither man's corner. But following the bizarre verdict, suspicious rumors began to circulate, hinting that a deal had been worked out between all involved. It's been done before in boxing, but it seems unlikely in this case.

"The decision could not be changed," World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman said a bit sadly about the controversial outcome. "I did not agree with it. I scored the fight carefully and had Zarate winning. He outboxed Pintor and knocked him down. But I could not overrule the appointed WBC officials as Carlos asked. It is not in our rules, and anyway, no one person should have that much authority. We let Carlos know that he could have a return match.

Personally, I believe he would have won it."

But the rematch never occurred. Over the next year and a half there was a lot of talk about the great Zarate returning to the ring. But nothing happened. One tantalizing tale had Zarate coming back to challenge Danny Lopez for the featherweight title. That fight could have filled the Mojave Desert to SRO, but it never came about.

Los Angeles promoter Don Fraser was involved in over a dozen of Zarate's fights. "Believe me," he says from his office at the Forum, "a lot of different groups tried to get him back. After all, he was a proven gold mine at the box office. And he could have come back, for the title and the money. But no one was able to get him interested in fighting again. A lot of hearts were broken."



[Zarate sniffed the "Sweet smell of success" in his fight with Alberto Davila.]

Eight months before losing his title and abandoning boxing, Zarate attempted to move up a division, challenging WBC junior featherweight champion Wilfredo Gomez in his hometown of San Juan, Puerto Rico. In his 51st fight, despite being a 3-1 favorite, Zarate finally lost on a fifth round TKO.

Those close to the Mexican champion claimed their man entered the fight with a flu and a high temperature, something confirmed by—of all people—Dr. Elias Cordova, president of the rival World Boxing Association. Pudgy, slow-moving British referee Harry Gibbs was criticized for not preventing Gomez from hitting repeatedly after the bell in the crucial fourth round. But whatever the excuses, the once deemed invincible Zarate had gone down to defeat.

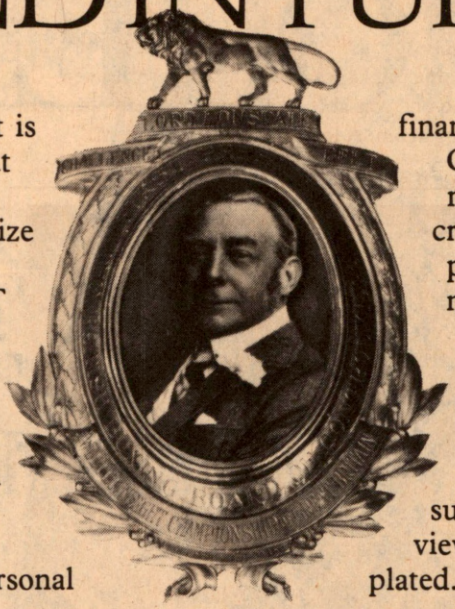
Months before the fight Zarate and Jose Sulaiman had a long talk about things personal to the champion. "The truth about Carlos," Sulaiman says with a sentimental tone, "is that he really retired before he fought Wilfredo Gomez. He confided to me a long time before the fight, saying he had lost his desire to get up early and run, and to go to the gym each day. He said he could still do it, but that there was no pleasure in it for him. I could see in his eyes that he had pushed himself so hard, trained so diligently, with so much sacrifice, that now, after so many years of hard work, his drive had become stale. I am very proud of Carlos. He is not on the streets like many other former champions. He has shown a better character."

Mexican boxing fans are bound to certain champions with an almost mystical devotion. The hero with the "big punch" is worshipped with a fanatical loyalty. Jose Cuevas is such a hero. Last year he was destroyed in two rounds by Thomas Hearns, yet when, seven months later, he returned to the ring, his fans came out en masse. The Olympic auditorium had to turn away over 4000 of his followers.

There is an old Spanish saying, "A man who dies with courage, lives another day."

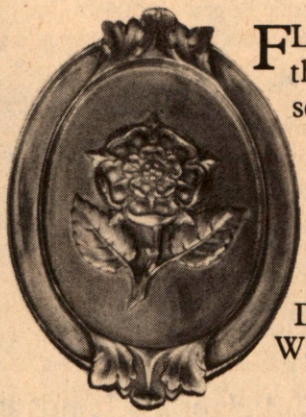
Two years after his lose to Pintor, Zarate looks at the world through the windows of his furniture store. "I made a name for myself in boxing," he says. "I made a reputation that I am very proud of and I worked most of my life to make it. But there comes a time when every man must change things in his life. I loved boxing. I did not want to keep going and ruin my health and my reputation. My heart was no longer in it and after I lost my title I felt it would not be right for me to go back just for a payday. Why should I do that? Why? It wasn't something I wanted. Now I have a new life. Boxing is for other men now . . ."

FOR SALE, A LEGEND IN PURE GOLD



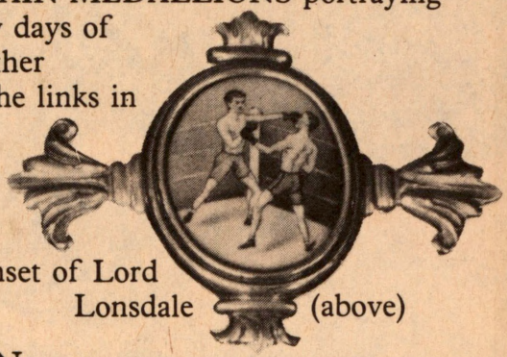
TO WIN A Lonsdale Belt is the supreme achievement for any British Boxer, and the fights for this golden prize are legendary.

THE LONSDALE BELT is the Boxing trophy awarded to any Boxer who wins the British Title three times at the same weight. Introduced in 1909 by Lord Lonsdale (right), he in fact provided the very first Gold Belt himself out of personal finances. The National Sporting Club of Great Britain maintained the tradition he created until 1936, when it passed into the hands of the new governing body The British Boxing Board of Control. Up until the 1940s Lonsdale Belts were made according to tradition in 9 carat Gold, however subsequent Lonsdale Belts in view of rising costs were Gold plated.



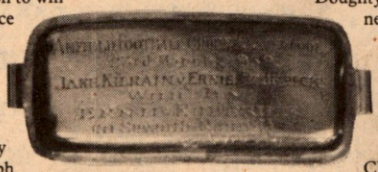
FLORAL EMBLEMS of the British Isles serve as solid gold links in the Belt's design — The Shamrock of Ireland The Thistle of Scotland, The Rose of England (left), and The Daffodil of Wales.

PORCELAIN MEDALLIONS portraying the early days of Boxing further embellish the links in the Gold Belt as does the truly fine porcelain inset of Lord Lonsdale (above)



SALE BY AUCTION OF THE LONSDALE BELT OF ERNIE RODERICK

ERNIE RODERICK won The Lonsdale Belt in the Welterweight class outright in 1941 for his 3 consecutive victories — Jake Kilrain 1939, Norman Snow 1940 and Arthur Danahar 1941. In fact he went on to win the Welterweight Championship of Great Britain twice more, but is perhaps best remembered as a contender for the World Championship in 1939, when the contest with triple title holder Henry Armstrong — 'Homicide Hank' — went the full 15 rounds.



SALE BY AUCTION of such a unique sporting trophy is a rare event. In 1974 the Lonsdale Belt of Randolph Turpin was auctioned at Christie's salerooms in London, where the bidding (in pounds sterling) went into five figures. The Lonsdale Belt of Ernie Roderick was one of the last of these trophies to be made in 9 carat Gold — it weighs 36 Troy ounces, and measures 4 inches at its widest point and is approx. 36 inches long.

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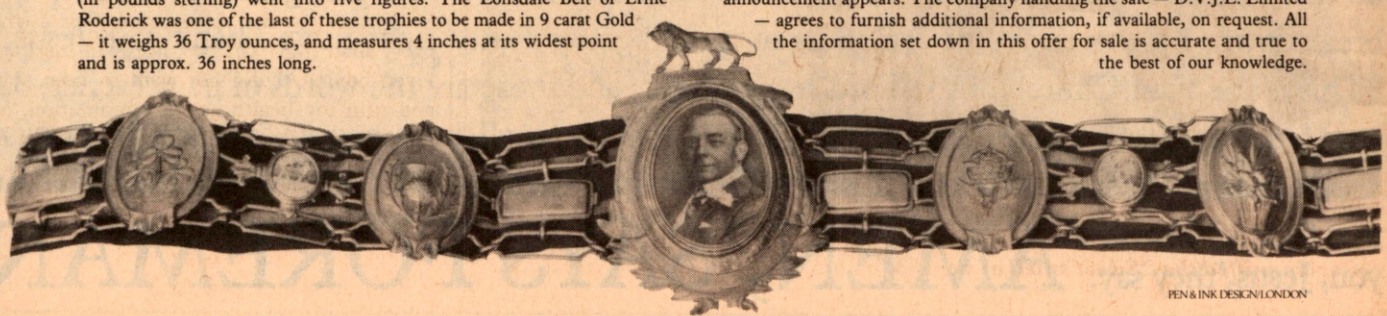

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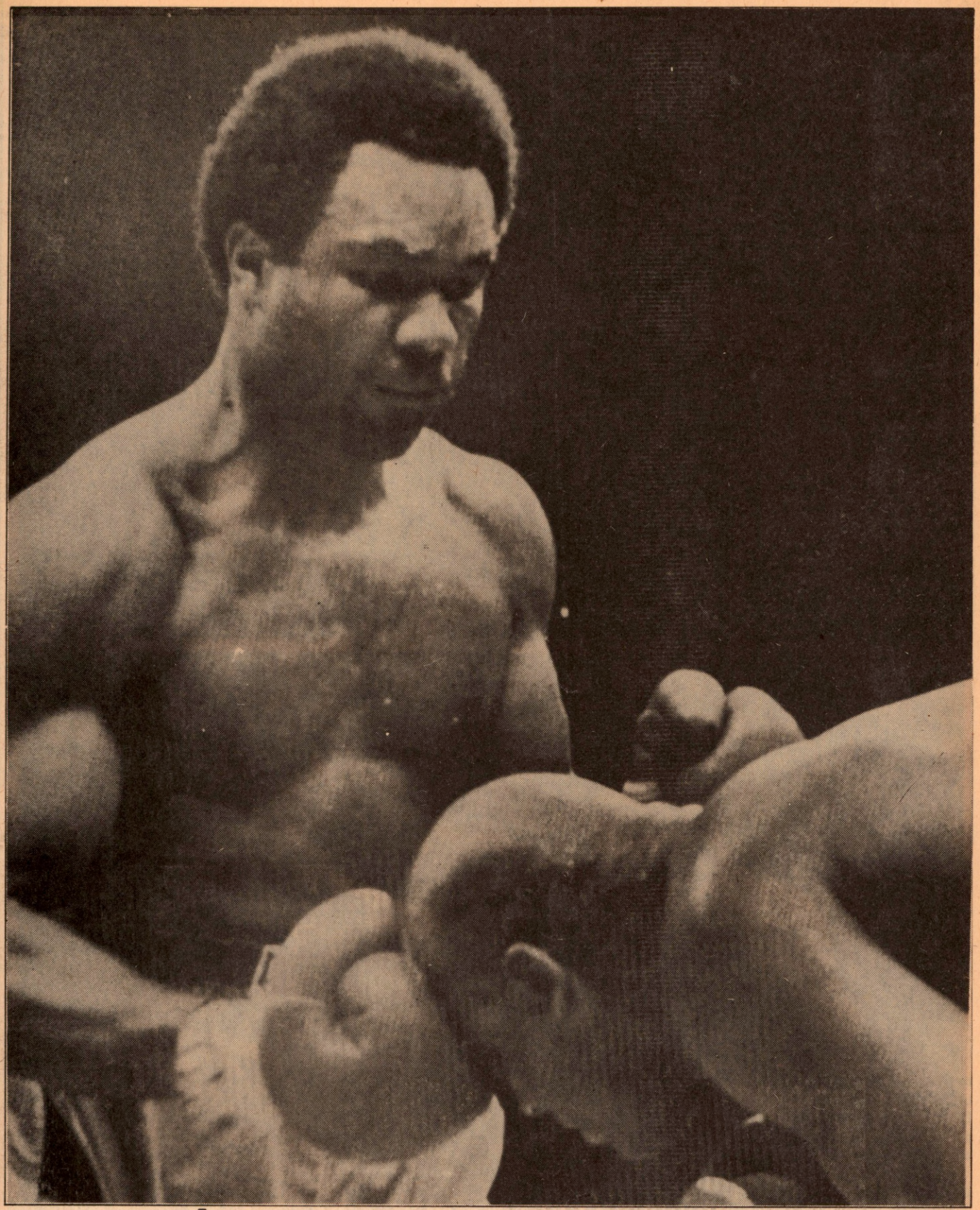
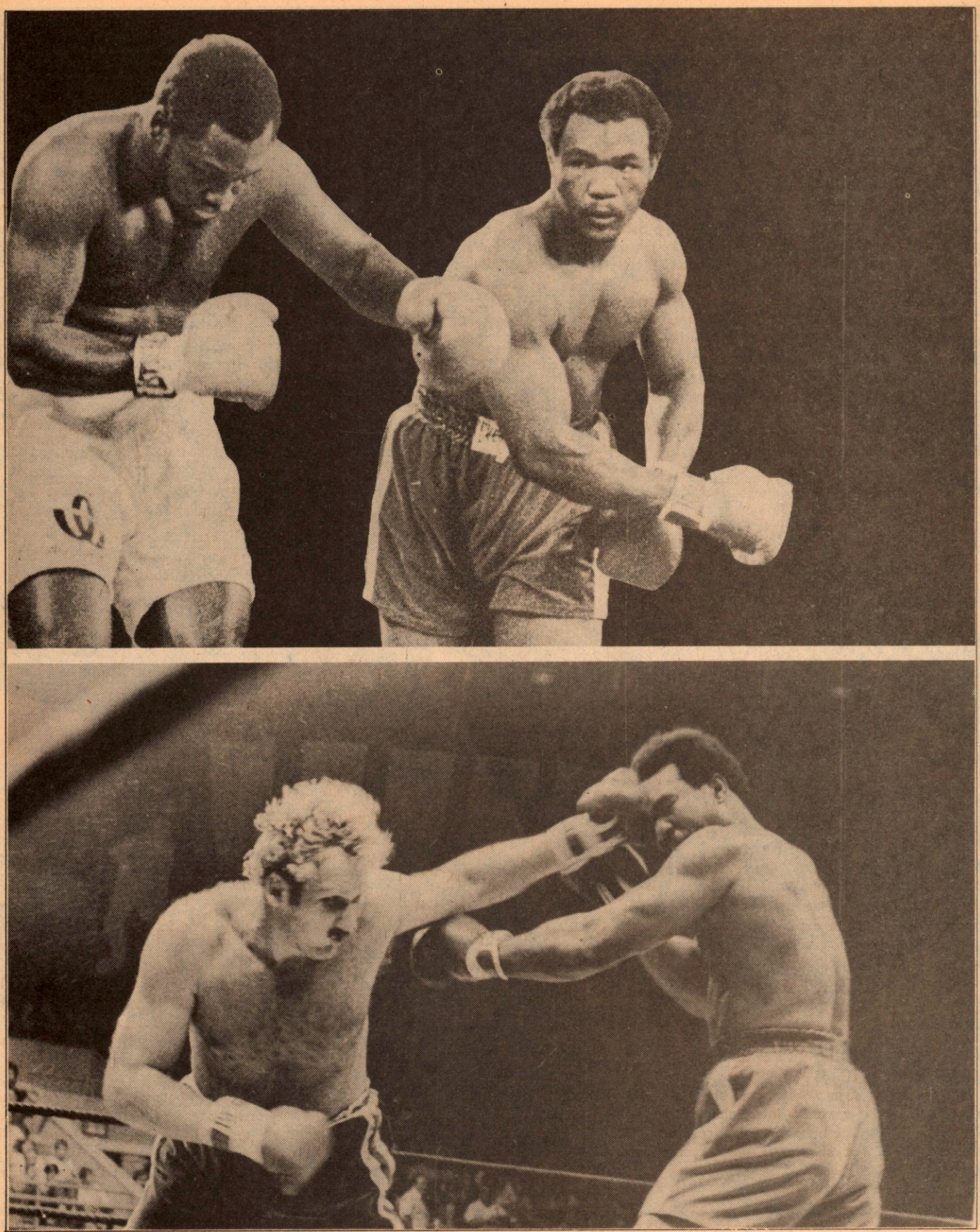
STEVE MARANTZ ON GEORGE FOREMAN: ARE HIS ARMS TOO SHORT TO BOX FOR GOD?

THEY'RE SINGING gospel hymns and clapping hands in George Foreman's church. Brother Foreman is clapping, too, and swaying and singing. This huge vulnerable man used to be the heavyweight champion of boxing. ¶In an earlier life, George Foreman fought Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali. Now he's in there against the big guy with the pitchfork. ¶Sinners, read on. "A lot of guys used to say to me, 'George, you ought to go back to boxing. While you're young, you can fight a few years and then you can go back to preaching'. ¶" 'NO,' I said. I'm going to do ALL I CAN for the Lord while I'm YOUNG, while I'm STRONG. I'm not going to WAIT until I break down. I KNOW that. But I'm going to go and get with HIM right NOW! Thank you, Jesus." ¶This is the First Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and those are the words of its preacher, 32-year-old George Foreman. The congregation's members, all poor people, are happy to have such a man on their side. When he says he will help them fight evil, they believe they will win that fight. 'Thank you, Jesus,' they say. 'AMEN,' SAYS FOREMAN



[George bestows his "blessing" on Joe Frazier and wins by TKO in the fifth.]



Top: Joe Frazier was having "visions" of his own after this Foreman right. Bottom: A LeDoux dud didn't do it—Foreman won this one by TKO in the third.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS Christ was founded recently by Foreman and his friend, Dexter Wilson. "On the day of the Pentecost," Foreman proudly points out.

Foreman is not a licensed minister, but the technicality matters not to his congregation. In their hearts, he is for real.

"George has the calling," says Wilson 19, whose electric guitar accompanies the gospel exuberance.

The congregation meets in the homes of its members because it can't afford a permanent building. Tonight, the service is at Jack Wingo's house, a four-room bungalow on an unlighted, unpaved street in northwest Houston.

There is a single naked lightbulb on the ceiling and wooden folding chairs set out. A stripped-down sound speaker mounted on a box is the pulpit. A picture of Jack Wingo's girl is on the end of the table next to the sofa. Wilson's electric guitar and amplifier are plugged into a socket.

Thirty people come to pray—all black, half children and most of the rest women. Somehow, they squeeze into the room, the smallest children crawling under the chairs.

Foreman, wearing blue jeans, plaid shirt, and cotton bush jacket, dwarfs his pulpit. He begins by telling the children to listen quietly or risk being "rapped upside the head." He eases into his topic—marriage and fidelity. It is a spontaneous sermon, rambling. But what it lacks in structure it makes up for in feeling. Wilson, sitting on the amplifier, encourages Foreman in a low voice.

"Five, twenty-two Ephesians," says Foreman, thumbing his Bible. The voice is strong and sympathic.

"Wives, submit yourself to your husbands as unto the Lord . . ."

His eyes seek those of his audience.

"See, that's why we can't have no women submitting themselves to nobody else but their own husband. If you got a husband, that's why you got married, to have someone to submit yourself to. Thank you, Jesus.

"Some of these men want to counsel these women. They want to explain to them. No, no, don't you explain to them. God will take care of them. They say, 'No, I got to explain.' No, you don't! The Bible say let the older women teach the younger ones. Thank you, Jesus. Okay?"

He reads, "The husband is the head of the wife even as Jesus is the head of the church. . . .

"I was talking to a woman, and she was telling me, 'When a woman love a man, she don't ever stop loving him. She might marry somebody else, but she never stop loving him.' I listened to her for a long time, and finally I had to say, 'Sister, that's a lie.'

"She don't get into bed with nobody but the one she loves. She don't do it! She don't get into bed with another she might have did in the past.

"She said, 'I don't know, let me think about that. You might not know, you ain't no woman.'

"I said, 'Well I know because I love Jesus Christ! I don't go messin' around with the Lord. You think I'm going to go jumping from bed to bed and defile myself? Maybe the Lord don't need me now, but when he do, I'm going to be pure and ready for him.' That's right! I'm going to be RIGHT THERE! Thank you, Jesus!

"When a woman love a man, she be right there. I don't care if he be gone one year, two years, three years, I don't care if a man come to her with a big Fleetwood and a million dollars! She say, 'No, I'm going to wait for the one I love. Thank you, Jesus."

Foreman's forehead is glistening. A mosquito contemplates it but doesn't land.

Wilson speaks next and briefly. And then they sing. My, how they sing loud, bluesy gospel. My, how Dexter plays his guitar.

I DON'T NEED NOBODY BUT JESUS
I DON'T NEED NOBODY BUT THE LORD
YOU KNOW GOD COME FROM ABOVE
AND HE DIED THAT I MIGHT LIVE
AND I DON'T NEED NOBODY BUT JESUS

A basket is set out and the two-hour service is over. Foreman is standing outside Jack Wingo's house.

"Did you plan your sermon" he is asked.

"No," says Foreman. "I don't know why I talked about marriage. I guess that was the message the Lord wanted me to give somebody tonight."

He is grinning as a thought occurs to him. His second marriage recently ended in divorce. He is supporting four children, one from his first marriage and three born out of wedlock.

"I don't know," he says. "Maybe the message is for me."

"Will you marry again?"

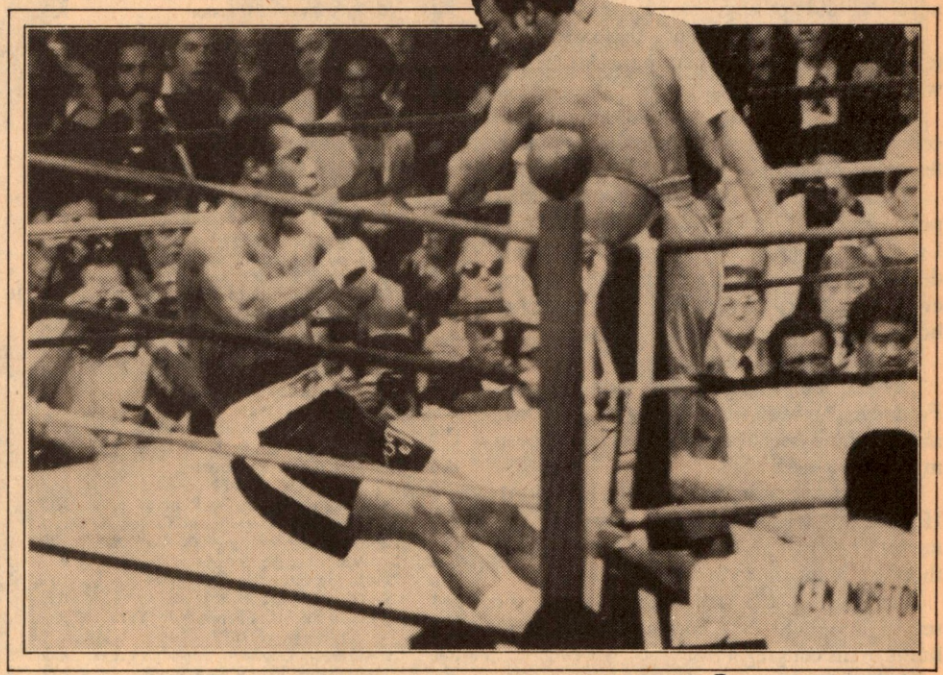
"Oh, sure," says Foreman. "I ain't against marriage like all those Popes they got in Europe."

Foreman won an Olympic Gold Medal at Mexico City in 1968, waved an American flag in the ring and became famous—or infamous, depending upon one's perspective at the time.

He was a patriotic black man with a ghetto (Houston's Fifth Ward) and Job Corps background.

"That was my best moment as an athlete," he says today. "I still love this country."

He won the heavyweight championship in 1973 by knocking down Joe Frazier six times in two rounds in Jamaica. He was 6 feet 4, 230 pounds, undefeated, and considered perhaps the most powerful puncher in boxing history.



[Take a seat, Ken! George puts Norton to peace and tranquility in the second round.]

But he was no boxer, and Muhammad Ali took the title from him in 1974 with an eight-round knockout in Zaire.

"As a boxer, I think I'll be remembered as much for beating Frazier as for losing to Ali," says Foreman.

At this point in Foreman's life, religion was a perfunctory exercise. "I used to go to church to meet the ladies," he says. "I remember in Africa, Ali called me a Christian, and I didn't even know what that was. I thought it was some nationality."

Foreman was in position for a shot at Ali's title in 1977 when he unexpectedly lost a 12-round decision to Jimmy Young on St. Patrick's Day in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Some people say the fight is not the only

thing Foreman lost that night.

Foreman says God spoke to him in his dressing room afterward. He thought he died and was returned to life. He believed that Jesus had come alive in his body, and that the blood on his body was caused by a crown of thorns on his head.

His handlers confirmed and decided something was wrong with Foreman.

"Everybody thought I was crazy," says Foreman. "Eight people tried to hold me down, but I jumped up and got under the shower and was screaming, 'I'm purifying myself.'.

"I told them all, 'You're witnessing a miracle.' "

His handlers and closest friends beleived he was hallucinating, perhaps from dehydration, and sent him to a hospital.

"They examined me from head to toe and never did find nothing," says Foreman.

"You know all this science fiction stuff on television today? Ain't nothing as strange as what happened to me."

After Puerto Rico, Foreman intended to continue boxing, but gradually religious fervor overtook him.

"I intended to come back and tell the people what happened," says Foreman, "And I was going to go on boxing and do the whole deal. But this thing got greater and greater every day. Every day I lived, it got a greater hold on me."

He quit boxing at the age of 28.

"I was coming into my prime," says Foreman. "I was just learning what it was about. These last four years would have been my best as a boxer."

The address is in the fashionable North Hollow subdivision in North Houston. The modern house is in the $150,000 range, and there are comfortable front and back yards.

The house dwarfs Jack Wingo's, where the service was held, but Foreman keeps it off limits to his congregation.

"I don't want no single ladies coming in here and getting no ideas," he says.

The inside is a parody of bachelor dishevelment. A set of barbells and a bench occupy the center of the den. Awards, pictures and memontoes sit atop the boxes they were moved in, waiting to be hung or shelved. Foreman's Olympic Gold Medal, however, was stolen a few years ago.

"I try to work out to keep my weight down so I don't have to buy new clothes," says Foreman.

Conspicuous by its absence is a television.

"I don't watch any television," says Foreman. "I get my news from the papers. I haven't watched a boxing match in four years, but I read about them."

(When the name of WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver is mentioned, Foreman says, "Who's Mike Weaver?")

Foreman weights 270 pounds and most of his added weight seems to have gone to his face, which is broader and fleshier than it was when he fought. His close-cropped hair adds to the overall impression. The way he looks now, Foreman would have a hard time returning to the ring. But that possibility is remote, if not nonexistent.

"I'm happier now than I've ever been in my life," says Foreman. "I feel I have found my niche.

"I don't condemn boxing or any sport. The Bible doesn't say nothing against it. What I condemn is the spirit of it. Greed and avarice. That's all it is. Everybody after money and fame. The Bible says, 'Ye shall seek the kingdon of God.' That's what is important. It's like a little kid who plays in the dirt. He grows up and one day it's not right to play in the dirt anymore."

The founding of his new church was an important step in his evangelism. He started out by preaching on the streets and in parks, and there his boxing identity made all the difference. "I used my past as a bait," says Foreman. "The people in the streets cared about boxing, but the people in my church don't care about it."

Prior to the founding of his church, Foreman belonged to another Pentecostal congregation, also called First Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He left when it seemed to him he was being exploited by the minister. Nancy Foreman, his mother, claims that Foreman gave at least $118,000 to the church.

"I stay away from false prophets," says Foreman. "If I know a man's major goal is raising money, I don't associate."

His own fortune, he says, has evaporated. He still owns a 200-acre ranch in Marshall, Texas, but all the cattle have been sold. His fleet of foreign sports cars and Cadillacs has been reduced to one sedan. The house is his. The man who made $5 million for one night's work in Zaire now sells industrial cleaning supplies to make ends meet.

"I don't spend a lot," says Foreman. "It don't take a lot of money to serve God. I have a saying: 'I made the wagon.' I've broken away from the material life. I don't need it.

"People say to me, 'Well, if you boxed, you could make a lot of money and feed poor people.' But that's not the kind of food I want to give them. I could make $5 million and feed five million people for a day, but the next day they'd be hungry again. There's no end to it. What I want to give them will stick with them forever. They can have the word of the Lord all the time. That's what we mean by 'keeping the feast.' The more you sit at the Lord's table, the more He gives you."

Within the Houston religious community—which in its Bible Belt fervor numbers 2000 churches—Foreman has built a quiet but sound reputation.

"At first everybody believed that at the first temptation to go back to boxing, he would," says Rev. John Lawson of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. "When Spinks beat Ali, and he didn't go back, it was obvious that he was serious."

Foreman says he wants to return to all the places he fought—to preach. He will continue to be fervent as long as "visions' keep coming to him as they did in Puerto Rico.

"I had one come to me in my sleep," says Foreman. "I was in Times Square, and there was this man who looked like Elvis Presley playing a guitar. And on the big message board they got there with all the lights. "I Love You' was spelled out.

"That was God letting me know He remembered me. I get visions all the time, but only when He's ready. It don't matter when I need one."

GEORGE FOREMAN

Born, January 22, 1948, Marshall, Texas. Weight, 220 lbs. Height, 6 ft. 3 in.
1968 Olympic Heavyweight Champion.

	1969		
June	23—Don Waldhelm, New York	KO	3
July	1—Fred Askew, Houston	KO	1
July	14—Sylvester Dullaire, Wash. D.C.	KO	1
Aug.	18—Chuck Wepner, New York	KO	3
Sept.	18—John Carroll, Seattle	KO	1
Sept.	23—Cookie Wallace, Houston	KO	2
Oct.	7—Vernon Clay, Houston	KO	2
Oct.	31—Roberto Davila, New York	W	8
Nov.	5—Leo Peterson, Scranton	KO	4
Nov.	18—Max Martinez, Houston	KO	2
Dec.	6—Bob Hazelton, Las Vegas	KO	1
Dec.	16—Levi Forte, Miami Beach	W	10
Dec.	18—Gary Wiler, Seattle	KO	1
	1970		
Jan.	6—Charlie Polite, Houston	KO	4
Jan.	26—Jack O'Halloran, New York	KO	5
Feb.	16—Gregorio Peralta, New York	W	10
Mar.	31—Rufus Brassell, Houston	KO	1
Apr.	17—James J. Woody, New York	KO	3
Apr.	29—Aaron Easting, Cleveland	KO	4
May	16—George Johnson, Los Angeles	KO	7
July	20—Roger Russell, Philadelphia	KO	1
Aug.	4—George Chuvalo, New York	KO	3
Nov.	3—Lou Bailey, Oklahoma City	KO	3
Nov.	18—Boone Kirkman, New York	KO	2
Dec.	19—Mel Turnbow, Seattle	KO	1
	1971		
Feb.	8—Charlie Boston, St. Paul	KO	1
Apr.	3—Stamford Harris, Lake Geneva	KO	2
May	10—Gregorio Peralta, Oakland	KO	10
Sept.	14—Vic Scott, El Paso	KO	1
Sept.	21—Leroy Caldwell, Beaumont	KO	3
Oct.	7—Ollie Wilson, San Antonio	KO	2
Oct.	29—Luis Faustino Pires, New York	KO	4
	1972		
Feb.	29—Murphy Goodwin, Austin	KO	2
Mar.	7—Clarence Boone, Beaumont	KO	2
Apr.	10—Ted Gullick, Los Angeles	KO	2
May	11—Miguel Angel Paez, Oakland	KO	2
Oct.	10—Terry Sorrels, Salt Lake City	KO	2
	1973		
Jan.	22—Joe Frazier, Kingston (Won World Heavyweight Title)	KO	2
Sept.	1—Jose (King) Roman, Tokyo (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	KO	1
	1974		
Mar.	26—Ken Norton, Caracas (Retained World Heavyweight Title)	KO	2
Oct.	30—Muhammad Ali, Kinshasa (Lost World Heavyweight Title)	KO by	8
	1975		
Apr.	26—Charley Polite, Toronto	Exh.	3
Apr.	26—Boone Kirkman, Toronto	Exh.	3
Apr.	26—Terry Daniels, Toronto	Exh.	2
Apr.	26—Jerry Judge, Toronto	Exh.	2
Apr.	26—Alonzo Johnson, Toronto	Exh.	2
Nov.	26—Jody Ballard, Kianesha Lake	Exh.	2
Dec.	17—Eddie Brooks, San Francisco	Exh.	4
	1976		
Jan.	24—Ron Lyle, Las Vegas	KO	5
June	15—Joe Frazier, Uniondale	KO	5
Aug.	14—Scott LeDoux, Utica	KO	3
Oct.	15—John (Dino) Denis, Hollywood, Fla.	KO	4
	1977		
Jan.	22—Pedro Agosta, Pensacola	KO	4
Mar.	17—Jimmy Young, San Juan, P.R.	L	12

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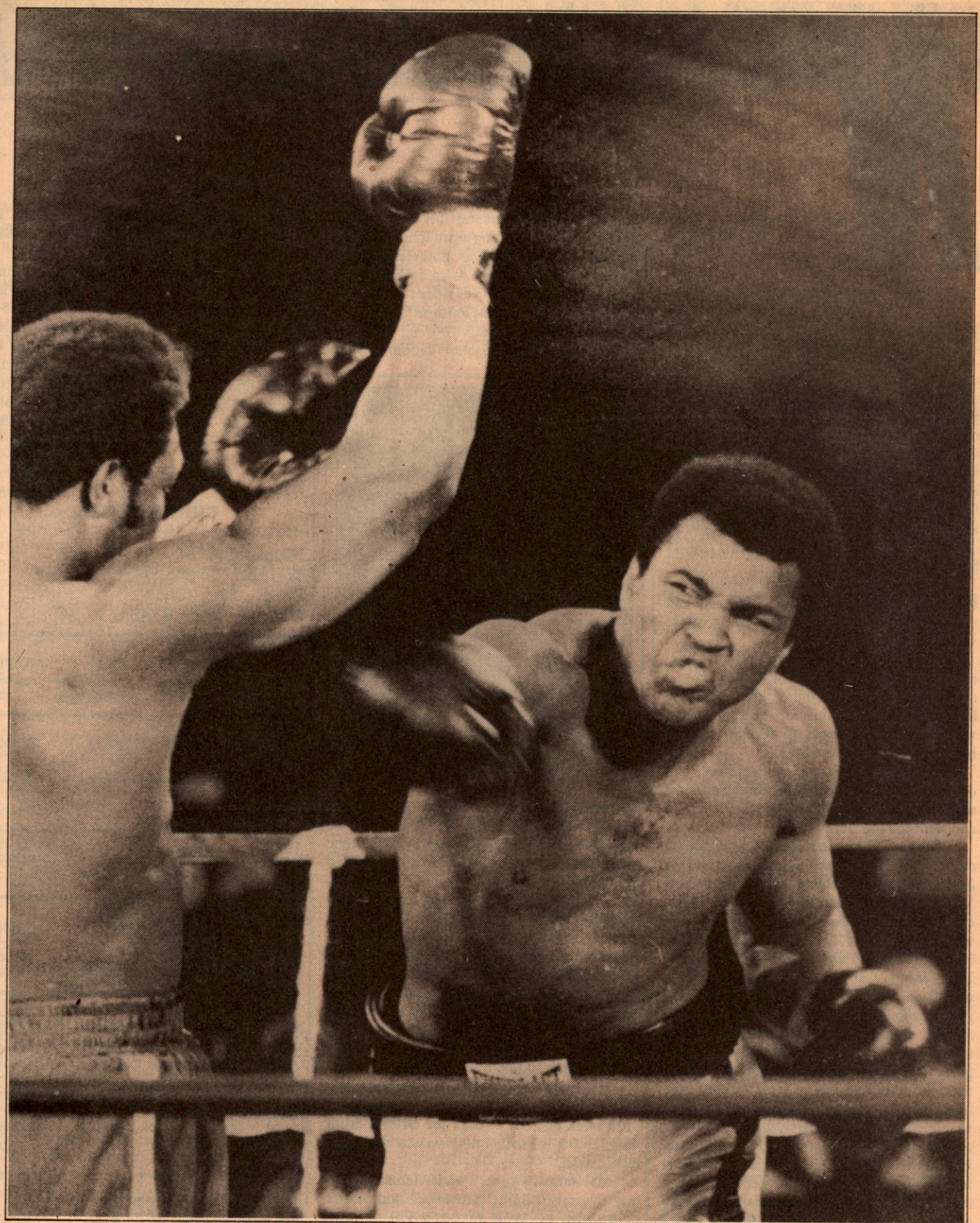


[Take that you "Christian." Foreman said: "I thought it was some nationality."]

NEW FACES

CURTIS HARRIS

CURTIS HARRIS LAY AWAKE ONE NIGHT in early 1977, staring at the ceiling, waves of frustration causing his hands to clench into tight fists. A decision had to be made. Choked up, Harris stared at the dark ceiling, knowing what to do, but not wanting to do it. As night blended into morning a saddened Harris finally reached his decision. The relief of having to make such a mentally-tough decision came as a sort of sedative to Harris, and he fell into deep sleep.

That morning, he retired from boxing. He had been a pro for two years. Two years and three fights. He was 22. A promising career was apparently over.

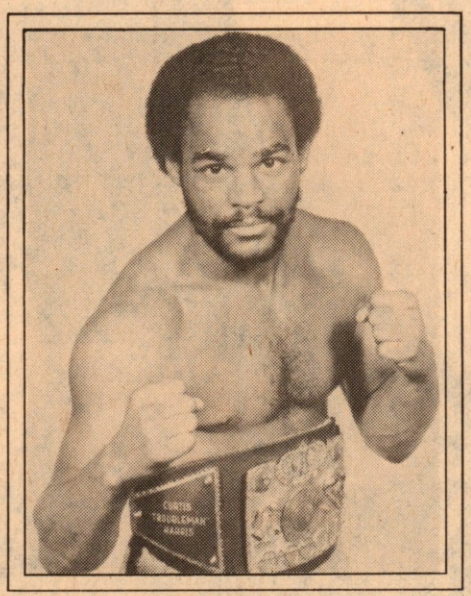
"I was a fighter who wanted to fight," stated Harris. "I didn't care who I fought. I didn't care where I fought. I didn't even care how much I was getting for the fight. I just wanted to fight, to learn, to develop into the best lightweight in the world."

The native of Paterson, New Jersey, had dreams. Like so many before him did and like so many after him will do, Harris picked up and went to New York.

"I figured, 'Where else should a fighter go, other than New York?' " said Harris. "At least, that's what I thought back then. New York City. Land of fight gyms. Land of fighters. Land of Madison Square Garden. Land where dreams are born and sometimes become reality. Boy, was I ever in for a surprise. I couldn't get any work (fights). The only work I got was sparring. I got lots of that. I got everybody ready for their fights, but nothing ever came my way. My manager promised to keep me busy, but he just couldn't do anything. I got more and more disgusted. About the only thing I got out of New York was getting to spar regularly with (former welterweight contender, now Assistant Matchmaker at Madison Square Garden) Harold Weston, Jr. I learned an awful lot from him. The only bad part is that I just didn't get a chance to test what I learned from Harold under fire, in real live competition. Finally, I had to make a decision. Quite frankly, there was no decision to be made. I wasn't making any money. I had to quit boxing. It hurt me terribly."

It had to have hurt terribly. Harris had dreamed about becoming a pro long before he completed a 48-6 (37 KO's) amateur career. Among his achievements as an amateur were New Jersey Golden Gloves titles in 1974 and 1975, as well as a championship in the 1974 National Golden Gloves.

"In 1975, I lost on a close decision in the



Nationals to a guy by the name of Aaron Pryor," recalled Harris. "The fight could have gone either way, but he had the style many amateur officials like—straight ahead and always throwing punches. I'd love to fight him again. Maybe one day I will. I know I can beat him."

Curtis "Troubleman" ("I give all my opponents nothing but trouble") Harris is capable of beating a lot of world-class fighters, both in the junior welterweight and lightweight divisions. After taking two years off, during which time he learned a highly-skilled trade making prosthesis (artifical limbs) for the Osteonics Corporation, a job he still holds, Harris decided to come back under new management. With New Jersey's Al Moore managing his career, and the veteran Joe Grier training him, Harris is finally on his way to world title contention.

"My company is very understanding about my rigorous training schedule," said Harris. They give me time off when I'm fighting. They're behind me one hundred percent.

Ironically, his job title at Osteonics is the same as his job in boxing.

"I shape prosthesis," explained Harris. "I make them fit exactly. I'm known as a 'Hand Finisher.' " In more ways than one.

"I feel I can beat any junior welterweight in the world," said Harris, whose right cross is as devastating a blow as there is among 135-140 fighters. "But I know, I just know, that no lightweight in the world can beat me. I have no trouble making 135 pounds. In fact, when I fight at the junior welterweight limit, I have to eat, eat, eat in order to put on pounds. As a lightweight, I believe I'm unbeatable."

CURTIS HARRIS

Height: 5'4"
Weight: 135 pounds
Born: July 7, 1955
Amateur Record: 48-6, 37 KO's

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 8	Hector Sanchez	New York City	W 4
Sept. 22	Roberto Medina	New York City	W 4

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 24	Carlos Soto	Sunnyside, N.Y.	KO 3

1977
(Inactive)

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 8	Milciades Jiminez	New Harlem, N.Y.	KO 2

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 27	Herman Boyd	Harlem N.Y.	KO 1
Oct. 30	Ed Rivera	Totowa	KO 1
Nov. 15	Confesor Rosales	Dover, N.J.	W 4

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 10	Michael Ross	Atlantic City	L 6
June 19	Tim LaValley	Totowa	KO 6
July 17	Martin Parham	Totowa	NC 5
Sept. 18	Charlie Brown	Totowa	KO 4

1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 22	Pedro Acosta	Totowa	KO 2
Apr. 16	Ken Saale	Totowa	KO 1

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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On April 10, 1980, Harris found out he is not unbeatable. Against tough Michael Ross, he dropped a six-round decision.

"I was unprepared for the fight." explained Harris. "It was something I never did before, and something I'll never do again. It taught me a big lesson. I've been taking every fight since that loss as if it were for the title."

What Harris has done since is mow down five consecutive opponents on his way to capturing the ESPN lightweight championship with a stunning, first-round knockout of Ken Saale. It was his second consecutive one-punch knockout. Three months earlier, a single right hand to the chin had put down sturdy-chinned Pedro Acosta for the count.

"My left hook is just as good," claims Harris, "but I never get to throw it. It seems the opponent is gone as soon as I hit him with a clean right." Jokingly, he adds, "I wish somebody would stand around long enough and let me test out my left hook."

After the knockout of Pedro Acosta, which was seen on ESPN, Curtis Harris held his five-year-old daughter, Tyra, in his arms. His year-old Rasheeta was home sleeping.

During the televised post-fight interview, the announcer asked Tyra, "Who's your favorite fighter?" The angelic-faced youngster said shyly, "My daddy," and threw her arms around him. Hearts melted around the country.

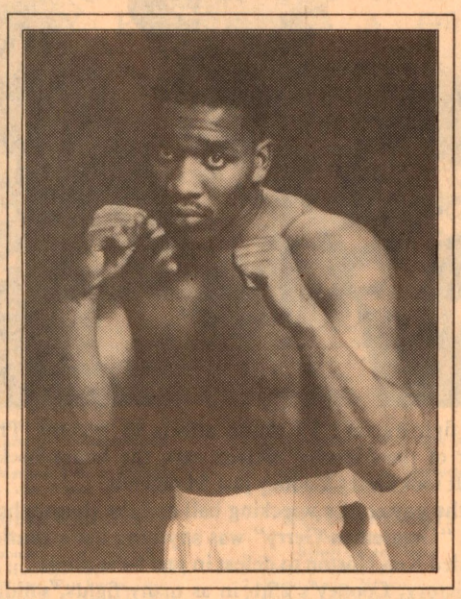
Curtis Harris has it in him to melt hearts. To melt hearts and to crush chins.

TIM WITHERSPOON

IT WAS ROUND SIX. THE FIGHT WAS, BY most accounts, even. Suddenly, severe stomach cramps jolted his insides. Over and over. Again and again. His legs felt paralyzed, yet he somehow survived the round. The cramps worsened in round seven, tearing at his abdomen worse than any body punch he had ever been hit with. Again he battled on. At the bell ending round seven, he returned to his corner looking pained, tired and beat. Gamely he came out for round eight. Bravely he fought the pain of the cramps. Obligingly he met his opponent head on, and went on to capture the 10-round decision.

Obviously, we are not talking about Robert to Duran, who became something less of a champion when the time came for him to be one. The man here is Tim Witherspoon, who showed the kind of mettle and skill necessary to be successful in pro boxing.

Witherspoon, a product of the rough streets of South Philadelphia, was battling unbeaten Marvin Stinson that night in Atlantic City. It



was the same Marvin Stinson who had been so successful as an amateur, the same Marvin Stinson who had sparred more rounds with Larry Holmes than any other man, the same Marvin Stinson who had never tasted defeat as a pro.

"I was clogged up by cheese omelets," said Witherspoon of his cramps vs. Stinson.

"I was hurting real bad. I even thought of quitting. But then I thought of Duran and said to myself, 'Hell, ain't nothin' gonna make me quit. No way!' The worse the cramps got the harder I fought."

The victory gave Witherspoon instant recognition as one of the brightest *New Faces* on the heavyweight scene, as well as a ranking among U.S. heavyweights and a top-20 rating in the world.

One of eight children, Witherspoon began boxing at 14, when a reporter-friend of the family gave him boxing gloves as a present. His love for boxing grew. So did he.

Witherspoon entered Lincoln University in Missouri, aiming for higher education and a possible career in pro football. But after playing one year as tight end, Witherspoon became disenchanted with not only football, but school, as well.

"I knew there had to be something else," he said.

He took a job in a Pennsylvania hospital. That didn't last long, either.

"I was treated so bad," he recalled, "that I just had to leave. And when I left, there was only one thing I wanted to do—fight."

Witherspoon talked to a friend who introduced him to Slim Robinson. Eight months and a few amateur fights later, Witherspoon was a pro boxer.

"If I had to compare him to anybody, I'd have to say Sonny Liston," said Robinson. "But," the veteran trainer is quick to add, "only inside the ring is he comparable to Liston. He's as nice a person outside the ring as he is mean inside."

Amongst friends he is known as "Terrible Tim," a nickname hung on him after a sparring session against Muhammad Ali.

"In that ring he's one bad dude," said Ali. "He's mean, he's bad, he's terrible."

He's also got youth on his side, which means he'll be around boxing for a long time.

For the rest of the heavyweight division, that's terrible.

TIM WITHERSPOON

Height: 6'3"
Weight: 205 pounds
Born: December 27, 1957

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Oct. 30	Joey Adams	Upper Darby	KO 1

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 26	Robert Ritchie	Lynchburg, Va.	KO 1
May 9	Robert Evans	Commack, N.Y.	W 6
July 20	Charles Cox	McAfee, N.J.	KO 5
Oct. 24	Oliver Wright	Philadelphia	KO 2
Dec. 11	James Reid	Philadelphia	KO 6

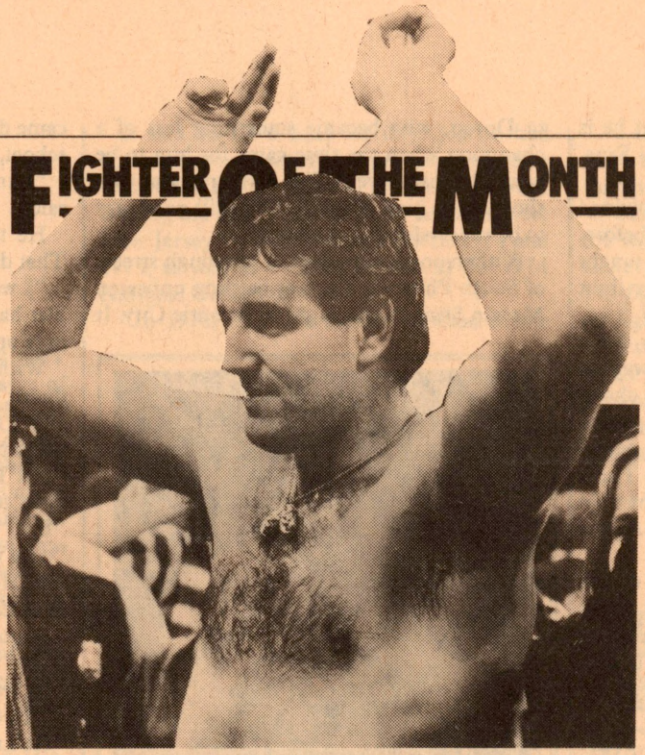
1981

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 24	Ed Bednarik	Philadelphia	KO 1
Feb. 7	Marvin Stinson	Atlantic City	W 10
Apr. 11	Dave Johnson	Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.	W 8

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
9	9	0	0	6

FIGHT OF THE MONTH



Some fighters take 15 round efforts to become The Ring "Fighter of the Month." Others earn the honor in 12 or 10 rounds. It took Gerry Cooney just 54 seconds.

With the power of a wrecking ball and the thoroughness of a hit man, "Gentleman Gerry" was anything but a gentleman as he pounded Ken Norton to defeat in just 54 seconds.

The victory, Cooney's 25th in as many fights, solidified his position as the top challenger to either Larry Holmes' world title or Mike Weaver's WBA crown.

Cooney carried tremendous pressure into the fight. Most aficionados believed that a Cooney victory would mean nothing more than the fact Cooney had beat a tired, shopworn fighter, a 35-year-old athlete (according to *The Ring Record Book*), going on 40 (closer to reality). A poor showing against Norton would have been disastrous to Cooney's standing as a top contender. But Cooney did not buckle under the pressure. For that—and his showing—Cooney is our fighter of the month.

SAAD MUHAMMAD-SUTHERLAND
WBC Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.Y.—Matthew Saad Muhammad overcame his usual slow start, a split lip, a quick-count controversy and a gritty challenge from Murray Sutherland to record the seventh defense of his WBC light heavyweight title with a knockout at 1:16 of the ninth.

It was an exciting match filled with the cliff-hanging dramatics usually reserved for Hollywood productions and Saad Muhammad fights.

Sutherland, a decided underdog, came in with a pretty (31-3) record, compiled mostly against nonenities. In his only other appearance on national television, he had looked rugged, but little else, dropping a decision to Michael Spinks. His strong showing with Muhammad will probably do more for him than all his previous efforts put together.

Muhammad should have guessed that he was in for a tough afternoon when his entrance into Resorts International's Superstar Theatre was upstaged by Sutherland's. The Michigan-based Scot was ushered into battle by the shrill cry of a bagpiper, while the champ settled for the overused theme from *Rocky*.

The challenger made good advantage of Saad's patented slow start. He ripped Matt's lip asunder in the opening round with a right uppercut and opened up a four-round lead with sprite movement and crisp punching. Muhammad was slow and listless, catching more than a few punches flush in the face.

It was not until the fifth that Muhammad, 175, began to cut down the ring and send home a few solid whacks to the body. Small cuts were evident around both of Saad's eyes by the sixth, but he won the round clearly with slamming jabs and a few well-placed blockbusters.

It was rapidly becoming obvious that, although he showed no fear and was still boxing well, Murray just didn't have the power to hold Muhammad off indefinitely. It was like matching a cannon with a slingshot.

Sutherland, 173, was given an extended rest between the sixth and seventh. A tear had been noticed in one of his gloves and manager Art Dore took plenty of time lacing up the replacement. The respite only delayed the inevitable.

A thunderous right sent Sutherland flying to the boards in the seventh and also opened a gash over his left eye. He bravely lasted the round and even managed to mount a minicomeback in the eighth, spinning out of the corner on several occasions when it looked like Muhammad had him trapped.

Muhammad threw his attack into high gear in the ninth, punishing Sutherland with an assortment of heavy blows. A left-right combo to the gut set Murray up for a right hand that twisted his head around on his neck and rendered him helpless. A finishing left was icing on the cake.

Sutherland went down hard on his side and was saved from rolling onto the apron by a helping hand from the press section. He struggled to his knees by seven and surprised everybody by jumping up at the precise moment that referee Paul Venti yelled 10. Then the fun began.

The crowd, primed and hungry for more blood and guts, hissed and booed. Sutherland, anxious to continue, screamed bloody murder. The gang at CBS-TV replayed the tape of the knockdown and count over and over, hoping to get Venti to admit that he'd made a mistake. He stuck to his guns, and commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott backed him up.

The last two digits of the count had come very close together, sort of a "nineten." If Venti had ruled a TKO, the bellyaching would have been minimal. Sutherland was technically up by 10; however, his hands were at his sides. All-in-all, the whole affair seemed rather academic. Sutherland's dream of winning the title had already turned into a nightmare. A couple more shots and he might have been across the street at Atlantic City Medical center for more than the few stitches it took to sew up his eyebrow.

Ramon Ranquillo, 175, West New York,

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

It has recently come to our attention that Senor Rodrigo Sanchez, President of the WBA, is critically ill. We wish him a speedy recovery. Unfortunately, his organization, the WBA, is also critically ill. And, as it now stands, we do *not* wish them as speedy a recovery.

What has prompted this less-than-charitable response is the recent announcement that WBA Welterweight Champion Thomas Hearns has signed to defend his crown against the likes of one Pablo Baez on June 25th. By the time you read this the title fight will have happened. But *why* it happened is another matter, entirely.

To call Baez a "contender" is like calling a plum an orange. Calling him one doesn't make him one. Perhaps the public relations release from the company handling the closed-circuit telecast does Baez the most justice, calling him, simply, "a globe-trotting Dominican contender."

That's what he is; nothing more. Possessor of a less-than-sterling record, 14-8-1, to be precise, he is not even rated amongst the most recent list of WBA contenders for the welterweight title. However, we are now given to understand that miraculously he will appear, like Lazarus, in the upcoming WBA list of contenders, courtesy of Lupe Sanchez—no relation to Rodrigo, but he might as well be—who has just purchased his contract and gotten him both the title fight and the rating.

How long can boxing tolerate such shenanigans? How long will we suffer through the WBA and its clone-like competitor, the WBC, offering us up members of Stiffs Anonymous in the name of contenders because they favor someone or something?

Maybe they should just acknowledge that WBA stands for "Why Bother Anyway"?

And, speaking of "Why Bother Anyway?", the current rumor has it that boxing manager Pepe Cordero would replace the ailing Sanchez when he finally steps down. That's just what the WBA needs to reenforce its credibility, a manager who handles a stable of fighters running a boxing organization theoretically dedicated to overseeing boxing! It's yet another case of a wolf being assigned to oversee the sheep!

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Vacant
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
3. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
4. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. John Holman, Chicago Ill.
6. Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.
7. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
8. Harold Carter, Linden, N.J.
9. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
10. Eddie Machen, Fresno, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
1. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
2. Duilio Loi, Italy
3. James Carter, New York, N.Y.
4. Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
5. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
6. Ludwig Lightburn, British Hondura:
7. Larry Boardman, Marlboro, Conn.
8. Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
9. Frankie Ryff, New York, N.Y.
10. L. C. Morgan, Youngstown, O.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
2. Chuck Spieser, Lansing, Mich.
3. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
4. Hans Stretz, Germany
5. Willi Hoepner, Germany
6. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
7. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
8. Ron Barton, England
9. Marty Marshall, Detroit, Michigan
10. Charles Colin, France

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Fred Galiana, Spain
2. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
3. Cherif Hamia, France
4. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
5. Flash Elorde, Philippines
6. Martin Rodriguez, Cuba
7. Paul Jorgensen, Port Arthur, Texas
8. Ray Famechon, France
9. Victor (Sonny) Leon, Venezuela
10. Jose Hernandez, Spain

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Charley Humez, France
2. Gene Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
3. Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
4. Bobby Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
5. Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah
6. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
7. Charley Joseph, New Orleans, La.
8. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
9. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, Ohio
10. Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Mario D'Agata, Italy
2. Raton Macias, Mexico
3. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Little Cezar, Philippines
5. Jose Lopez, Laguna, Mexico
6. Alphonse Halimi, France
7. Jean Renard, Belgium
8. Kevin James, Australia
9. Piero Rollo, Italy
10. Ricardo Moreno, Mexico

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
2. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
3. Isaac Logart, Cuba
4. Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J.
5. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
6. Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
7. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. George Barnes, Australia
9. Emilio Marconi, Italy
10. Joe Miceli, New York, N.Y.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Memo Diez, Mexico
2. Dai Dower, Wales
3. Young Martin, Spain
4. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
5. Hitoshi Misako, Japan
6. Danny Kid, Philippines
7. Tanny Campo, Philippines
8. Jake Tuli, South Africa
9. Guy Schatt, France
10. Oscar Suarez, Cuba

From the July, 1956 issue of The Ring.

GENUINE

Budweiser Presents The Ring International Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LARRY HOLMES** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
4 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
6 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 **Marty Monroe** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **James (Quick) Tillis,** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
10 **John Tate,** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Ken Norton, 12. Renaldo Snipes, 13. Bernardo Mercado, 14. Stan Ward, 15. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 16. John L. Gardner, 17. Tim Witherspoon, 18. Pinklon Thomas, 19. Scott LeDoux, 20. Lynn Ball,

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . Phila., Pa.
1 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad*** . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 **Michael Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
3 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
5 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **Yaqui Lopez** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
8 **Lotte Mwale** . . . . . Zambia
9 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
10 **Mustapha Wasajja,** . . . . . Denmark

11. Mike Rossman, 12. Murray Sutherland, 13. Bashiru Ali, 14. Jerry Celestine, 15. Dwight Braxton, 16. Jesse Burnett, 17. Young Joe Louis, 18. Tony Mundine, 19. Vonzell Johnson, 20. Louis Pergaud, 21. Richie Kates, 22. Pete McIntyre

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
2 **Vito Antuofermo** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
4 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Robbie Epps** . . . . . Clovis N. Mex.
10 **Tony Sibson** . . . . . England

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Ray Seales, 13. Ronnie Harris, 14. Mike Colbert, 15. Norberto Sabater, 16. Ernie Singletary, 17. William "Caveman" Lee, 18. Ruben Pardo, 19. Marcos Geraldo, 20. Chong-Pal Park, 21. Ralph Moncrief, 22. Jose Macias, 23. J.B. Williamson

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AYUB KALULE* . . . . . Denmark
1 **Maurice Hope**** . . . . . England
2 **Ray Leonard** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
3 **Wilfred Benitez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Rocky Mattioli** . . . . . Australia
5 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
6 **Kenny Bristol** . . . . . Guyana
7 **Tony Ayala, Jr.** . . . . . San Antonio
8 **Walter Gomez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
10 **Nino Gonzalez** . . . . . Bayonne, N.J.

11. Gary Guiden, 12. Rocky Fratto, 13. Tyrone Rackley, 14. Rocky Mosley, 15. Tony Braxton, 16. Tidashi Mihara, 17. Odell Leonard, 18. Clint Jackson, 19. Carlos Santos, 20. Tony Chiaverini, 21. Mario Maldonado, 22. Louis Arcaries.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Wilfred Benitez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
5 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
6 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
7 **Adolfo Viruet** . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
8 **Jorgen Hansen** . . . . . Denmark
9 **Luis Primera** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Bruce Finch** . . . . . Milwaukee, Wisc.

11. Babs McCarthy, 12. Josef Nsubuga, 13. Clint Jackson 14. Milton McCroy, 15. Harold Volbrecht, 16. Carlos Santos, 17. Larry Bonds, 18. Pepe Dominguez, 19. Greg Stephens, 20. Colin Jones

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
3 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
4 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana
5 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
6 **Domingo Ayala** . . . . . Puerto Rico
7 **Sang-Hyun Kim** . . . . . Korea
8 **Bruce Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth Texas
9 **Monroe Brooks** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada

11. Willie Rodriguez, 12. Sal Lopez, 13. Mark Ibanez, 14. Obisia Nwankpa, 15. Teo Ozuna, 16. Jorge Morales 17. Juan Jose Gimenez, 18. Roberto Alfaro, 19. Hugo Luero, 20. Termite Watkins, 21. Cristobal Torres, 22. Thomas Americo, 23. Johnny Bumphus.

How *The Ring* International Ratings Panel works: Boxing authorities from all five major continents have submitted their ballots—marked from one to ten to indicate their rankings under *The Ring*'s champion—to reflect their evaluation of the relative challengers' positions as of May 11, 1981. Their ballots were then weighted with scores of from ten (for a first-place vote) to one (for a tenth-place vote) and totaled up to provide the final standings. After the top ten were tabulated, those other fighters receiving votes were then listed in order, according to the number of votes received, from 11th on.

(AS OF MAY 11, 1981)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing)
***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JIM WATT** . . . . . Scotland
1 **Sean O'Grady*** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
2 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
3 **Alexis Arguello** . . . . . Coral Gables, Fla.
4 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
7 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
8 **Edwin Viruet** . . . . . Puerto Rico
9 **Ernesto Espana** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Herman Montes, 12. Roberto Elizondo, 13. Curtis Harris, 14. Ray Mancini, 15. Andy Ganigan, 16. Jorge Morales, 17. Jose Luis Ramirez, 18. Johnny Lira, 19. Cocoa Sanchez, 20. Ralph Aviles, 21. Charlie Nash, 22. Francisco Leon 23. Joey Gibilisco.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards**** . . . . . England
2 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
4 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
5 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
6 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
8 **Victor Echegaray** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Frankie Baltazar** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
10 **Leonel Hernandez** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Enrique Maxwell, 12. Rolando Navarette, 13. Greg Coverson, 14. John Verderosa, 15. Patrick Ford, 16. Johnny Aba, 17. Oscar Arnal, 18. Carlos Pinango, 19. Il-Bok Lee, 20. Guillermo Morales, 21. Ruben Veliz, 22. Jorge Alvarado.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
4 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
5 **Roberto Castanon** . . . . . Spain
6 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
7 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Gustavo Salgado** . . . . . Mexico
9 **Francisco Manzo** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia

11.Mario Miranda, 12. Bobby Chacon, 13. Pat Cowdell, 14. Juan Malvarez, 15. Alberto Collazo, 16. Augustin Martinez, 17. Guillermo Morales, 18. Nicky Perez, 19. Freddie Roach, 20. Royal Kobayashi, 21. Hiraku Tomonari, 22. Cesar Ligan, 23. Noel Arriesgado

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
4 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
6 **Carmelo Negron** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
7 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
10 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Soon-Hyun Chung, 12. Carlos Mendoza, 13. Jose Cervantes, 14. Derrik Holmes, 15. Lupe Pintor, 16. Juan Antonio Lopez, 17. Ric Diamale, 18. Oscar Muniz, 19. Roberto Rubaldino, 20. Julio Saba, 21. Jesus Caicedo, 22. Willie Lucas

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Jorge Lujan** . . . . . Panama
5 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
6 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
8 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Norberto Cabrera** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea

11. Rafael Orono, 12. Hurricane Teru, 13. Shuchi Isogami, 14. Miguel Iriarte, 15. Carlos Bejarano, 16. Johnny Carter, 17. Ronald Sumalis, 18. Jovito Rengifo, 19. Fred Jackson, 20. Jose Uziga, 21. Ramon Soria, 22. Weilie Nkosinkula

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SHOJI OGUMA** . . . . . Japan
1 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
2 **Pedro Flores** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
4 **Santos Laciar*** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Betulio Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Willie Jensen** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
7 **Peter Mathebula** . . . . . South Africa
8 **Luis Ibarra** . . . . . Panama
9 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
10 **Antonio Avelar** . . . . . Mexico

11. Guty Espadas, 12. Joey Olivo, 13. Gustavo Ballas, 14. Gabriel Bernal, 15. Miguel Canto, 16. Eleoncio Mercedes, 17. German Torres, 18. Orlando Maldonado, 19. Candido Tellez, 20. Tae-Shik Kim, 21. Stephen Muchoki, 22. Prudencio Cardona, 23. Yong-Hyun Kim, 24. Rudy Crawford

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RINGSIDE REPORTS

N.J., TKO'd Frankie Hines, 175, Lincolnton, N.C., at 2:34 of the second. Tony Green, 179, Miami, Florida, drew over eight horrible rounds with Rodell Dupree, 175, Jersey City, N.J. Kevin Moley, 152½, New York City, TKO'd Frankie Mann, 153½, Brooklyn, N.Y., at 2:39 of the second. Jimmy Anderson, 176, Bayonne, N.J., TKO'd Robert Charles, 168, Lincolnton, N.C., at 2:04 of the second. Gino Perez, 138, West New York, N.J., TKO'd Gary Barlow, 132, Lenoir, N.C., at 1:37 of the second. Cookie James, 135, Phila., drew over four with Mark Cernezia, 133¼, in the best of a rum lot.

The scoring after eight in the title match was as follows: Charles Spina, 76-75, Sutherland; Frank Brunette, 76-75, Muhammad; William Kostrub, 76-75, Sutherland.

Prelim Judges—Ernie Durando, Bill Corrozza and Milo Savage

Prelim Referees—Joe O'Neil and Rudy Battle

Promoter—Murad Muhammad

Attendance—1,750 (capacity) (04-25-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

COONEY-NORTON

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—When the "This Is It" promotion collapsed around the ears of Ross Eugene Fields, AKA Harold Smith, Madison Square Garden hurried forward to pick up the top-billed bout-Gerry Cooney-Ken Norton-on the bounce. For all the effort it was worth, they should have let it keep bouncing.

Oh sure, they tried. God, how they tried. They had resurrected all the old promotional ghosts: An undefeated white heavyweight versus an ex-champion, of sorts, big-city ballyhoo and the return of big-time boxing to The Garden. But what did it all mean in the end?

It meant a loss of close to three-quarters of a million dollars, fewer than 10,000 fans rattling around the cavernous Garden, the shortest main event in the history of The Garden and yet another win-cum-question-mark for the local boy. Put them all together and they spell "This *Was* It!"

In point of fact, "This Was It" could have described the fight itself. You could have played "The Minute Waltz" as background music and had six seconds left to spare.

The time was 10:06 P.M. Here, in one corner was former WBC Heavyweight Champion Ken Norton—an announced 35, but actually going on 40-year-old-winner of just two fights in the last four years and, charitably, the 4-1 underdog. In the other corner was "Gentleman" Gerry Cooney, he of the green trunks, a 24-0 record and a devastating body attack. Then, the introductions, which were to take longer than the fight itself.

At 10:08:30 the bell rang for round one. It was to be the only time Artie Aidella would get a chance to work all night. Cooney and Norton came out cautiously, each throwing two left jabs. Norton went into his crab-like defense and flicked out yet another jab. And with that Cooney went to work, moving Norton backwards, into the ropes. With the round not yet twenty seconds old, he threw a left to the ribs and followed up with his supposed non-existent punch, an overhand right, which caused Ken's left leg to involuntarily leave the canvas. Cooney advanced for the kill. But a strange thing happened on his way to the kill: Norton recovered enough to back him into the ropes and began to flurry to the body. Cooney came up with a right uppercut and Norton's head snapped back. Quickly reversing roles, and showing surprising mobility for a man so big, the 6'6" Cooney turned Norton into the ropes. With his quarry where he wanted him, Gerry threw a right uppercut to the head, a left to the body—which he later said "took the air out of him . . .", meaning Norton—another sledgehammer left to the head, a right to the head, another left to the head, leaving the helpless Norton caught on the ropes in a near-sitting position, yet another right and a final left, as referee Tony Perez came bounding in to stop the slaughter faster than the New York City Police Department responds to emergency calls.

In just 54 seconds of the first round—four years to the day the very same Norton had knocked out one Duane Bobick in the same ring in 58 seconds, the then-fastest time for a Garden main event—Gerry Cooney had beaten the hulk of what remained of Ken Norton. So much for biorythms. And so much for Ken Norton, who shouldn't have been there in the first place, and wasn't in the second either. It was a good thing that fewer than 10,000 fans had been in attendance. Otherwise they would have created a traffic jam outside The Garden and some of those caught in it would have missed the fight.

As Cooney raised his arms in his now-familiar victory salute, and more than 500 fans from "Cooney Country" stormed the ring to get at their hero, Perez lowered the still-unseeing form of Norton to the canvas and beckoned for a stretcher. Ken was to lie on the canvas longer than he had stood in the ring as concern-after-concern was expressed about his well-being. Finally, at 10:16, he was able to leave the ring under his own power. The Garden still had time to put on portions of the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus, which has been preempted for the "fight", but left the 9,700+ fans to mill about the ring and reflect on what they had just seen.

What they had just witnessed was one more win for Gerry Cooney, his 25th—his 21st by knockout. They had again witnessed the punching power in his left hook, something Norton later admitted he "mistook." And they had witnessed the sad end of Ken Norton's career, a career spanning 15 years and 50 bouts—33 wins by KO, nine by decision, one draw, three losses by decision and four by knockout.

About the only thing they hadn't witnessed was the still unanswered question whether Gerry Cooney can take a punch or how he would fare against top-notch competition. For, to tell the truth, Gerry Cooney has never really faced a contender in the Top Ten, and many of his victims have been subjects for boxing's version of the elephant burial grounds. Of course, it may be that we'll never know if Cooney can take a punch, if he continues his all-winning ways. And, if memory serves—and what little memory doesn't, *The Ring Record Book* does—there once was another heavyweight, some 46 years ago, who fought many ex-champions on their way to their last fights and had established something of a reputation of his own for fast finishes. There were questions about his ability to take a punch, as well. His name? Joe Louis. Maybe one day—and soon—Gerry Cooney's name will be mentioned alongside that of Louis. And not merely as a champion, but as a great. But for the moment he'll have to beat up on somebody more formidable than Ken Norton for that to happen.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

MONTILLA-AYALA

Miguel Montilla, Santo Domingo, D.R., was to have been the final hurdle for Domingo Ayala, the well groomed junior welterweight contender with the potent left hook. The way things went,

however, Ayala will have to go back to the drawing board, or, at least, the Felt Forum.

Domingo, San Juan, P.R., had recorded kayo wins over the likes of Bruce Curry and Ruby Ortiz, but the Curry ending was disputed. (The fight was held in Puerto Rico, and Ayala's enthusiastic fans swept into the ring after Curry was knocked down in the ninth session. The official ending was a kayo win for Ayala, but . . .) Fight buffs, moreover, looked at Domingo's wide open defense, and questioned whether a top notcher like Dujuan Johnson or Miguel Montilla wouldn't counterpunch Ayala into dreamland—instead of giving the patient Puerto Rican time to stalk him till he landed his left hook just "right."

And that's exactly what happened, as Montilla, 139, staggered Ayala, 139½, with a right in the first round, landed a good left hook of his own in session two, and floored him with a left-right counter combo in the third. Ayala got up, and tried to survive, but Montilla jumped on him, and referee John LoBianco (noted for quick stoppages) jumped in and stopped the bout at 1:17 of the round.

Domingo bitterly protested, even went towards the ref again after his handlers informed him that the fight was over. All for naught, of course. Ayala's promised shot at WBC junior welter champ Saoul Mamby had gone up in the cigar smoke of Madison Square Garden.

Mike Fisher, 180, Paterson, N.J., ended the unbeaten run of Ron Huston, 175, New Bedford, Mass. Fisher went right after Huston, and though Ron floored him in the first and third rounds, a cut on Huston's right eyelid forced the bout to be stopped after three. The scheduled eight was refereed by Billy Graham.

Six-rounders: Philip Brown, 211, New Orleans, and Mike Benning, 206, Trenton, drew. Marvis Frazier, 201, Philadelphia, came off a lay-off to stop Steve Zouski, 206, Brackton, Mass., at 2:13 of the sixth. Carlton (Elijah) Tillery, 191½, Staten Island, won a unanimous decision over Fred Brown, 175, Norfolk, Va. Jimmy Clark, 215, Coatesville, Pa., stopped Kid Samson, 196, Philly, at the end of four.

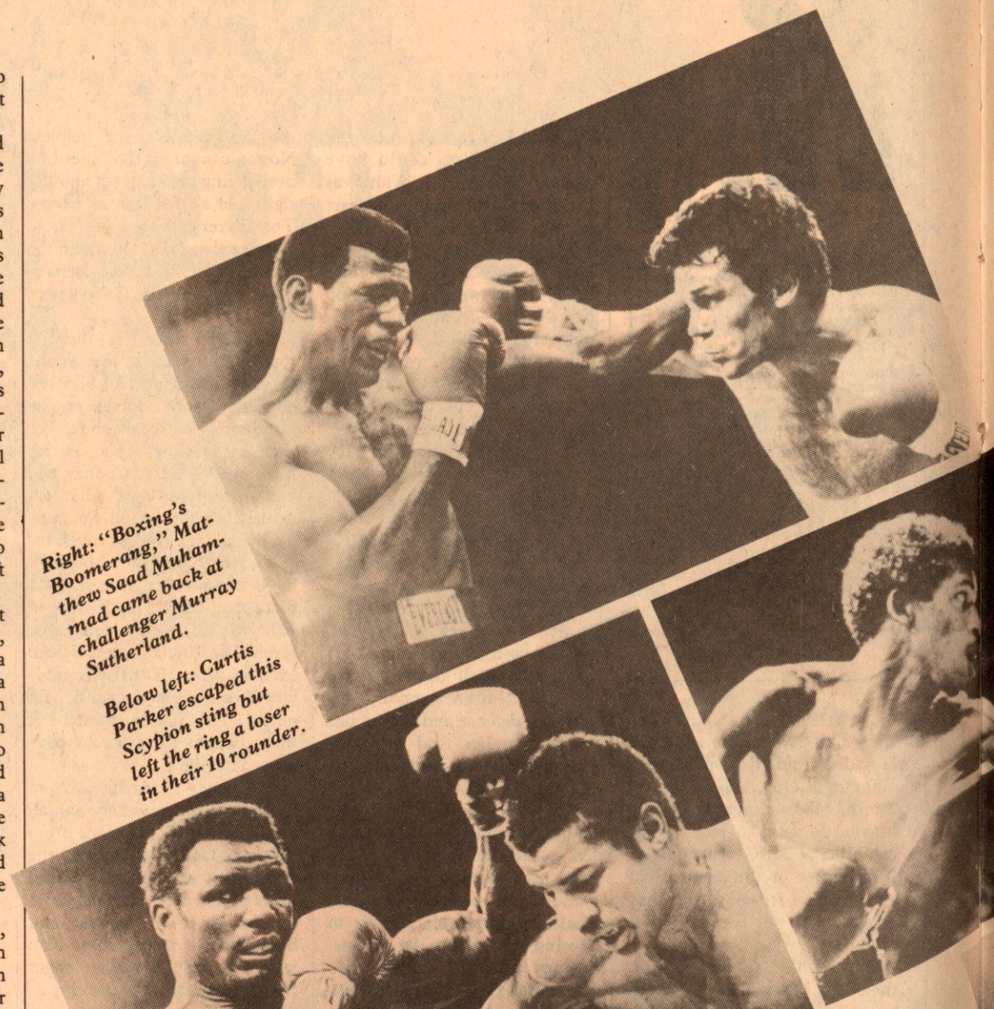
John LoBianco refereed Brown-Benning and Clark-Samson. Billy Graham worked Frazier-Zouski. Tony Perez handled Tillery-Brown.

Judges—Tony Castellano, Harold Lederman.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

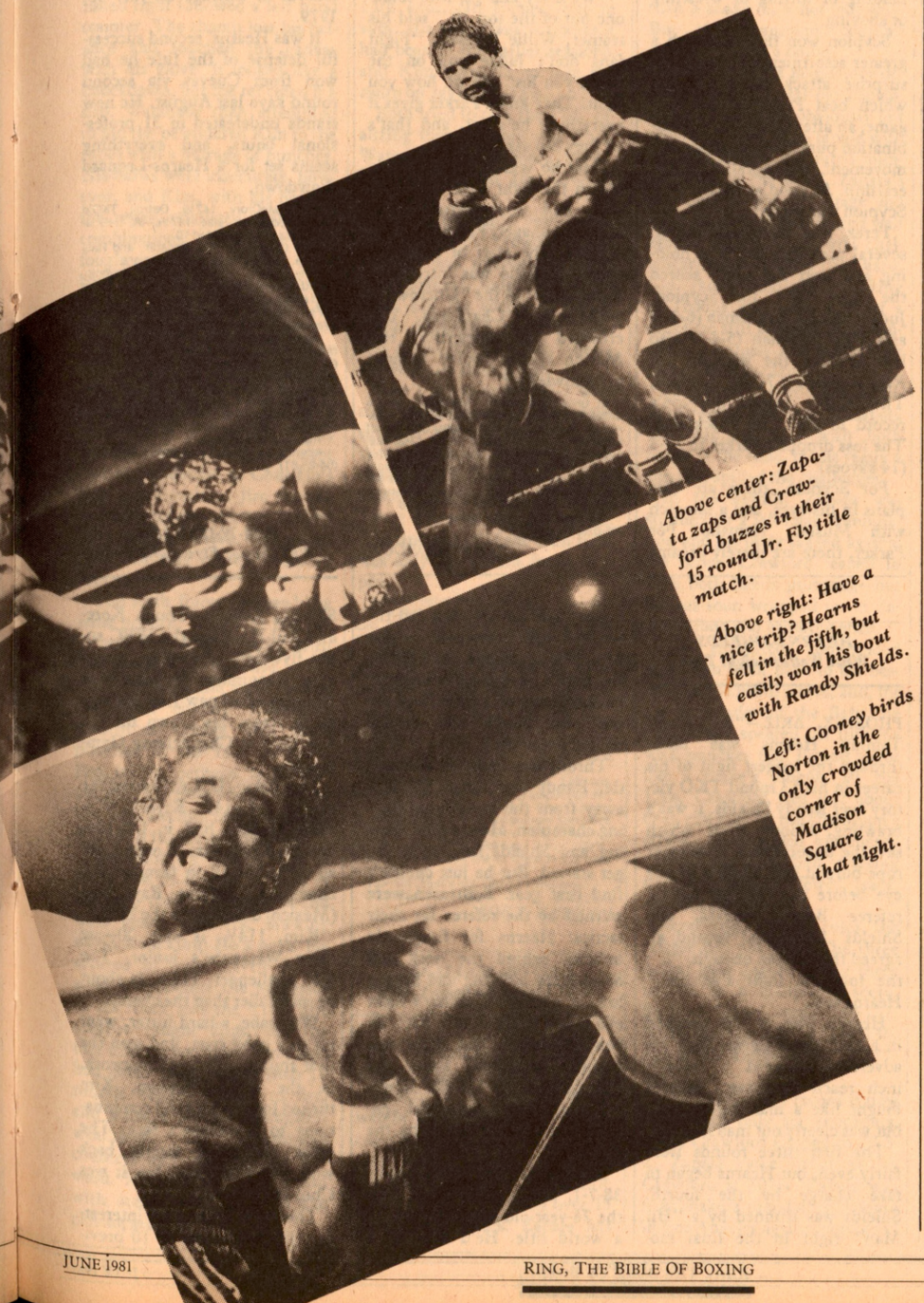
Attendance—9,436. Gross—$777,121. (05-11-81)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN



Right: "Boxing's Boomerang," Matthew Saad Muhammad came back at challenger Murray Sutherland.

Below left: Curtis Parker escaped this Scypion sting but left the ring a loser in their 10 rounder.



Above center: Zapata zaps and Crawford buzzes in their 15 round Jr. Fly title match.

Above right: Have a nice trip? Hearns fell in the fifth, but easily won his bout with Randy Shields.

Left: Cooney birds Norton in the only crowded corner of Madison Square that night.

SCYPION-PARKER

ATLANTIC CITY N.J.—In the finest performance of his career, Wilford Scypion outboxed, outslugged, outwrestled and outgunned Curtis Parker to win a unanimous 10-round decision in front of a national television audience and an SRO crowd at the Brighton Hotel.

The difference between the two fighters may have been a fiery little Puerto Rican trainer named Victor Valle.

Valle, an outstanding lightweight in the late 1930s and early 1940s, is the man most responsible for Alfredo Escalera becoming junior lightweight champion in the 1970s and the man who has guided "Gentleman Gerry" Cooney to a 25-0 (21 kayoes) record and position as the world's top heavyweight challenger.

Valle took over as Scypion's boxing teacher after Scypion lost as a pro for the first time on June 15, 1980. On the day, against Mustafa Hamsho, Scypion was shoved through the ropes and out of the ring in the 10th and final round. Falling hard upon a press table, Scypion was unable to continue, and ruled the loser by disqualification.

"He wasn't using his legs enough," said Valle of Scypion. He added, "His legs or his head."

Valle taught Scypion how to use his legs and educated the native Texan in boxing to the point where Scypion was ready for any test given him. He emerged from his test against Parker as an honor student.

The fight, shown live over the NBC network, was, as color commentator Ferdie Pacheco likes to call it, a "crossroads

fight"—for both men. Parker had lost close decisions to Dwight Davison and Mustafa Hamsho his previous two times out. The fights were exciting, the fights were close, the fights were hard-fought. But the bottom line for Parker showed "L 10". Scypion had won three fights in a row since being disqualified against Hamsho. But they were three victories against opponents, not contenders. Could Scypion, the "new" Wilford Scypion, defeat a powerful and determined contender? Could Parker, in a "must win" situation, emerge with that "must win"? Those were the two questions most asked about the matchup.

Scypion, 161, proved his worth as one of the world's top middleweights, as he took control from the opening bell and stayed in control throughout the sometimes exciting, sometimes dirty, sometimes dull, but always hard-fought contest.

The pattern of the fight varied only slightly as the rounds wore on. Early in the fight, Parker, 160, surprised most observers as he not only used his jab more than in the past, but beat Scypion to the punch with it. However, Scypion matched Parker to a punch, and then some. Right hand leads occasionally found Parker's chin, prompting some top trainers to shake their head at Parker's inability to counter the punch with one of his own fast, potent hooks.

In the third round, Parker was cut above the left eye. His right eye was cut in round eight.

"Butts," Parker later called them.

"Punches," said Scypion. Referee Tony Perez agreed with Scypion.

"Both of those guys hit each other with some very hard punches," stated the veteran ref.

However, when they weren't hitting each other, they were holding. Lots of times. Holding and wrestling. But for 10 rounds, for 30 minutes, there was action. Whether they were holding or hitting or wrestling or shoving.

Scypion won the fight with a greater assortment of punches, a surprise attack on the inside which beat Parker at his own game, an afternoon of swift combination punching, superior foot movement, and overall ring generalship. As good as Parker was, Scypion was better.

Perez, who cautioned both on several occasions to "stop holding and start fighting," scored the bout 7-2-1 for Scypion. Judges Harold Lederman (6-3-1) and Phil Newman (5-4-1) also had Scypion the winner. *The Ring* card had it 7-3 for Scypion. The victory upped Scypion's record to 20-1 (18 knockouts). The loss dropped Parker to 17-3 (14 kayoes).

For Scypion, there are title plans in his eyes, and a rematch with Mustafa Hamsho. For Parker, there are merely dreams of other nights.

"We'll try and get him someone out of the top 10," said his trainer, Willie Reddish. "Fight fans don't judge you on the fights you lost, but on how you fight. They know Parker gives it everything he's got, and that's all they can ask."

Hamsho was at ringside, taking in the fight with his pretty wife and controversial, outspoken manager, Paddy Flood.

Before the start of the main event, Hamsho was introduced to the crowd as the "Uncrowned Middleweight Champion." Uncrowned my typewriter! Has Marvin Hagler retired without my knowledge?

In undercard action, lightweight Bruce Williams, Philadelphia, went to 8-0 with a six-round decision against Keith Corbett of Elizabeth, N.J.; featherweight Raphael Lopez, Providence, R.I., beat Trenton, N.J.'s Tim Daniles on points over six; welterweight Sal Dragone, White Plains, N.Y., ruined the pro debut of Robert Gaddy, Elizabeth, stopping him at 1:46 of the fourth round.

Promoter—Murad Muhammad

(05-03-81)

RANDY GORDON

HEARNS-SHIELDS
WBA Welterweight Title

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—"Hit Man" Tommy Hearns was taken through the longest fight of his career in his 13 round TKO victory over Randy Shields. It was a brawling, bloody affair which saw the unsuccessful challenger rope-burned and blinded in one eye before the ringside doctor, referee Bobby Ferrara, and Shields' father and second all agreed they'd seen enough. "It's the toughest fight I've had," Hearns said.

Hearns, who, at 146, weighed in a half-pound lighter than his adversary, enjoyed a full-six-inch reach advantage. Shields fought like a man determined, but was clearly out matched.

The first three rounds were fairly even, but Hearns began to take charge by the fourth. Shields was stunned by a "Hit Man" right in the final moments, and Tommy flurried till the bell called him off. In the fifth, Hearns slipped and fell to the canvas. It looked to some to be the result of a Shields hook, but that punch had clearly missed it's mark.

Throughout most of the battle, Randy was forced to back away from the steadily advancing champion. Hearns kept coming and Shields kept trying to get started. But he just couldn't find first gear. Both men were warned by the referee for their tactics: Hearns for frequently holding behind the neck and Shields for bullying and hitting low. A cut over Tommy's right eye was attributed to a butt, albeit accidental. But there was nothing accidental about the damage done to Shields. It was inflicted by a purposeful, patient, unrelenting attack by the champion.

Shield's record now drops to 38-7-1. It was the second time the 24-year-old had lost a bid for a world title. He'd dropped a unanimous decision to Pipino Cuevas in Chicago on July 30, 1979.

It was Hearns' second successful defense of the title he had won from Cuevas via second round kayo last August. He now stands undefeated in 31 professional bouts, and everything seems set for a Hearns-Leonard showdown.

Milton McCrory, 147½, Detroit, TKO'd Alejos Rodriguez, also 147½, at 1:49 of round four in a scheduled 10.

Jerry Cheatham, 150, Phoenix, and Raul Aquirre, 148, San Antonio, drew, eight.

Tony Ayala, Jr., 157¼, San Antonio, TKO'd Agapito Ramirez, 153½, at 2:32 of the third round in their scheduled eight.

Felix Castillo, 113½, won a split decision over Jose "Pluga" Torres, also 113½, eight.

Jackie Beard, 126¼, Jackson, Tenn., made his pro debut by stopping Reyes (Corky) Polando, also 126¼, Chandler, Ariz., at 0:59 of the second in a scheduled six.

Scoring of Hearns-Shields after 12: referee Bobby Ferrara (Tucson), 120-109; judge Joe Garcia (Tucson), 119-111; judge Al Munoz (Phoenix), 119-110—all in Hearns' favor.

Top Rank Promotions.

Attendance—6,537 at Memorial Coliseum.

(04-25-81)

KIM-WATANABE
WBC Super Flyweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA—Tough Korean Chul-Ho Kim, the WBC super flyweight champion, won a close unanimous decision over Japanese southpaw Jiro Watanabe to retain his crown for the first time at Changchung Gymnasium.

Lew Eskin (U.S.A.) scored the contest 143-142, Kiyoaki Kurume (Japan) had it 147-146, and Jin-Kook Kim (Korea) carded 148-146—all in favor of the champion. Referee Ray Solis (Mexico) didn't score the bout.

Kim, 114¼, is only 20—six years Watanabe's junior. The 5'6" challenger, 114½, is about an inch taller than the champ.

Watanabe, a hard hitter, went off to a good start, and won the first round with good footwork. In the second session, Kim turned loose with good combinations to Watanabe's face. The game challenger fought back with some one-twos, but it was Chul-Ho's round.

The third round was interesting. Jiro, unbeaten in 10 previ-

ous bouts with seven quick kayoes, caught Kim with a well-timed right followed a left hand counter. The champ lost his balance and touched the canvas with his glove. It looked like a knockdown, but the ref ruled it a slip. Watanabe then attempted to pin the bewildered Kim to the ropes with a barrage of punches. His blows were inaccurate, however, and Kim, with his back to the ropes, retaliated with some combinations. It was a hard fought session, and, had Kim been ruled as knocked down, Watanabe would have won it on all cards. As it was, two judges gave the round to Kim, the other to Watanabe.

Kim, who uses a "Peek-a-boo" defense, tried to get inside of Watanabe in the fifth round, but the latter's footwork kept him out of danger of Chul-Ho's solid combinations. Jiro seemed to be concentrating on tossing right jabs and hooks. He seemed better in this round, more in control.

The sixth frame followed the same pattern: Watanabe moving to and fro, Kim chasing with long roundhouse punches.

The seventh and eight rounds saw Kim chasing Watanabe, sometimes scoring with short punches to the face in close. Jiro, owing, perhaps, to his corner's advice, didn't mix it up; he just kept circling and retreating. Kim won these two sessions.

Watanabe, a fourth degree black belt in Kempo (a kind of Karate), took the ninth round with sharp counters, drawing blood from Chul-Ho's nose. He seemed to have solved Kim's style and became the aggressor in the 10th and the 11th. His combos caught Kim, but the tide soon turned again. Jiro, who had never fought more than 10 rounds before, started to tire, and Kim, a durable youngster, weathered the southpaws counters and kept coming forward. He took the 12th round with some good rights in the closing seconds.

Watanabe desperately tried to outpunch and outleg Kim in the 13th and 14th frames, but in vain. His speed was not what it had been in the earlier sessions, and Kim bored in to take the canto on aggressiveness.

Both tried to take the 15th, realizing that the bout was close. Watanabe landed more blows, but Kim landed the stronger punches.

A draw or a split verdict was expected by the crowd, but the decision was unanimous. Even the Japanese judge voted for Kim, but the scores—a single-point difference on two cards and a two-point on the other—showed how close it was.

Kim's log is now 16-1-1 with six knockouts. Watanabe suffered his first setback. His shot at a world title had been ridiculed by experts. "Not enough experience," they said. There was a lot of truth to that. The first round of the Kim fight was only Jiro's 44th frame as a pro.

Korean lightweight champion Deuk-Koo Kim, 137¼, a southpaw, halted Hong-Kyu Lim, 137¼, at 2:50 of the fourth round in their scheduled non-title 10.

Lefty Moon-Kyun Choo, 115, won the vacant Korean junior bantamweight title by stopping Byong-Up Lee, 114¾, at 0:59 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. The crown was left vacant when Chul-Ho Kim knocked out Rafael Orono for the WBC world throne.

Byung-In Chung, 157¼, halted Hong-Il Shin, 155¾, at 2:58 of round one in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Hee-Soo Chung, 142, outpointed In-Sup Cho, 142¼. Chong-Kwon An, 131½, outscored Yong-Hun Chu, 132¾. Sun-Jong Song, 123¾, outpointed Song-Bok Lee, 124. Sand-Moon Lee, 114, outscored Min-Sok Oh, 114½. Sok-Kun Song, 109¼, and Ki-Ryong Lee, 109¾, drew in the card opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kuk-Dong Promotions. Attendance—4,000. (04-22-81)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

ZAPATA-CRAWFORD
WBC Junior Flyweight Title

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Hilario Zapata owns a pair of very fast hands. The junior flyweight champion from Panama completely dominated Nicaraguan Rudy Crawford to retain his World Boxing Council title with a lopsided decision over 15 interesting rounds. Zapata has amazing hand speed and a slick boxing style. He has more moves than a snake on a hot sidewalk. But the champion couldn't punch a hole in a donut.

This was not a mandatory defense for the 22-year-old Zapata, and his braintrust obviously felt secure in agreeing to tangle with Crawford, who was rated number three by the WBC. Zapata's four-inch height advantage and hand and foot speed figured well against the slower, shorter challenger. But Crawford tried hard, and, though too often backing up (taking six, eight steps at a time), he still attacked the champion vigorously and there were many sharp exchanges.

Crawford was knocked down in the sixth, and though Zapata was slapping him with both hands at the time, it was really a slip that spilled the challenger.

In the eighth, Zapata was stunned by a left-right combination and his body sagged against the ropes. Crawford leaped in with both hands pumping—but he was soon wrapped up in Zapata's long and gripping arms.

The elongated, cool-headed champion went back to his best form in the ninth frame, and, for the remainder of the fight, he continually speared his tiny foe with punches that flicked about like a snake's tongue. By the 12th, Crawford had just about been run silly by the champion's attack. He parceled his energy out till the final bell, walking slower, throwing fewer leads, and looking more.

According to WBC rules, the referee did not vote. The three judges gave Zapata all but three rounds in a composite score. Richard Steele voted 148-137; Rudy Ortega saw it 149-136, and Vince Delgado had it 147-137.

The champion's record is now 17-1, with only six knockouts, while Crawford slipped to 20-3-2. Zapata came in at 107¾, Crawford at 107¼. Zapata will next make a mandatory defense in Los Angeles against very good German Torres of Mexico.

"I am very happy with my performance," the champion said through his manager, Luis Spada. "I was surprised that he backed off from me so much. It is not what I expected. Crawford is a hard puncher. I was hurt in the eighth by a right hand, but I was in good condition and was able to come back quickly. It was really an easy fight for me and that makes me believe that I am improving."

Crawford praised the champion. "He is the best fighter I have ever faced. I guess he showed why he's the champion. He's a good boxer and his height bothered me. But the knockdown was a slip."

The fight was held at the Cow Palace, the first title match in the city in 19 years. Once upon a time, San Francisco was a mecca for fist fighting. In 1917, future heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey came to the Bay area and had 11 fights, winning only six! But times have changed—for the worse. The big rage now is rollerskating.

Joe Gagliardi, owner of J&J Sports, promoted the title fight in boxing's most obscure division. There was hope that low ticket prices and the sizable Hispanic population in the Bay area would lure in the customers. But 19 years of stagnation was too much to overcome, and, despite an excellent undercard and the presence of Alexis Arguello at ringside, only 2,651 fans paid to a gate of $53,200. Zapata earned $50,000, while Crawford (the smallest fighter I've ever seen) received $15,000 for his best payday.

Bert Lee, 155, San Diego, stopped former WBA junior middleweight champion Eddie Gazo, 156½, Nicaragua, in the sixth; Sal Lopez, 141½, Sacramento, knocked out Roberto Madrid, 142, Houston, in the third with a right uppercut; Erwin Williams, 159, Oakland, fighting for the first time in 18 months, won a 10-round unanimous decision over veteran Felton Marshall, 158, Los Angeles, with each fighter visiting the canvas once; and last minute substitute Eusebio Flores, 137, Los Angeles, won a split decision in six over Sergio Sarabita, 134, Sacramento, in an exciting fight. (04-24-81)

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▲ **BAKERSFIELD—Strongbow Stadium**—This, the site of many of Ruben Castillo's boxing wins, became a chamber of horrors on May 4, when Castillo lost a 10-round decision to lightly regarded Kalvin Lampkin.

Castillo, fighting in front of a partisan hometown crowd, finished the fight exactly the way he started it—very slowly. The vaunted Castillo left hook, which had propelled him into title matches against ex-super featherweight champ Alexis Arguello and featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez, was nowhere in evidence.

In fact, Castillo confirmed after the fight what many ringsiders had predicted: The World Boxing Council's top-rated feather-weight was in danger of getting knocked out. Now 49-3-1, Castillo, whose only previous losses were in the aforementioned title bouts, will try to regroup and get back on the winning track. Meanwhile, he offered a sound excuse for his listless performance.

"I had diarrhea since Friday (three days prior to the fight) and have been in pretty bad shape," said Castillo, who scaled 127½ for the fight compared to Lampkin's 128. "I couldn't move and I felt like I was going to fall down anytime. I had to go (to the bathroom) twice in the hour before the fight."

The flu bug might be attributed to Castillo's training in Mexico, under the tutelage of renowned trainer Cuyo Hernandez, and then having to cope with American food. One thing he definitely couldn't cope with, however, was Lampkin's running, frustrating style.

Usually an excellent defensive fighter, Castillo was tattooed several times during the bout. At times, he found the strength to fight back. But for the most part, he was helpless.

Lampkin, content on firing off several combinations and then holding on to his weakened opponent, is now 14-4, or 9-5, depending on who was telling the truth in the pre-fight buildup. But whatever his record, there is no denying that he won a decision from Castillo, regarded as an idol here, in a convincing fashion.

"I want a world title fight and then when I win the title," I'll give Castillo a rematch," said a jubiliant Lampkin, who hails from Muncie, Ind., after the fight. Despite the win, Lampkin would be in over his head if he tried to mix with Sanchez.

Listening to the boasts and promises, Castillo vowed he would fight Lampkin "again next week for nothing." He also added he wasn't finished fighting. "I'll be back," he said. "This didn't mean that much and there will be another day."

Pete Constancio, 141, Bakersfield, had to work hard for the second straight win on his recently launched comeback when he won a hard fought eight-round decision over Jerry Reyes, 142¼, Los Angeles. A former state Golden Gloves champion, Constancio was out of the gym and on the streets for two years before beginning his comeback.

In other pro fights, Jesus Perez, 126, lost a four-round nod to Alvin Brown, while Jess Dominguez, 130¼, kayoed Larry Loy, 126½, in the second round of another four-rounder.

A capacity crowd of 1,650 paid $20,232 to see the show, which was promoted by Harry Kabakoff of Pimentel Promotions. The gate was a record for Strongbow Stadium.
(05-04-81)

MICHEAL J. TASOS

COLORADO

▲ **DENVER—Tlatelolco Auditorium**—Tim Lucero, 130, Denver, knocked out Rafael Valdez, 133, Nebraska, in the scheduled eight-round main event. Referee Novar Garcia counted Valdez out at 1:45 of the fourth session. Lucero is now 12-0. Valdez is 6-1.

Ron Cisneros, 113, Denver, kayoed Stan Novack, 120, Omaha, in 1:55 of the first in another scheduled eight-round contest. Cisneros is now 11-0. He's scored four straight knockouts.

Rodrigo "El Martillo" Hernandez, Denver, stopped Steve Reynolds, Indianapolis, at 1:57 of the third round in a scheduled six-frame junior middleweight bout.

Micah True, Denver, won unanimous decision over Walt Davis, Kansas City, six rounds, junior middleweights. True is now 8-0.

Lonny Crosby halted Tom Wall at 2:40 of the third round, light heavies.

Colorado Recreation and Boxing Coaches Association.
(05-09-81)

RUDY R. GONZALES

CONNECTICUT

▲ **HARTFORD—Civic Center Assembly Hall**—Marcus Starks, 141, Hartford, scored his second impressive knockout within a month in stopping Floyd Patterson protege Johnny Longo, 142, New Paltz, N.Y., in the sixth of a slated triple-feature eight-rounder.

Displaying his best boxing forms, Starks was sharp and on target as he took charge in the second, dropped his foe once and rocked him twice in the third. Withering punishment bloodied his nose and all but dropped Longo in the fifth. His wife, Maureen, and chief second, was about to toss in a towel when referee Sam Maltempo stopped the lopsided duel as Longo's nose blossomed like a crimson rose.

Longo had impressed in a previous local bout as a clever boxer, and during the first round struck with rights over a jab, broke Starks' stance, and repeatedly took him for a walk. He feinted with his head to keep Marcus away. But, with audible "Ooh-oohs" as he tagged Longo with a left-right combo, Starks spilled his foe at midring in the third and breezed to his ninth win against two losses.

Herb Darity, 142, Hartford, stopped substitute Manny Madera, 144, Lowell, Mass. in the seventh of a slated eight. Darity turned it into a runaway from the fourth on. Lips, nose, and eye cut or swollen, Madera was spared further misery at 2:26 of the seventh by ref Lou Bogash. Darity is now 10-1.

Prolonged hooting followed a decision going to Ken Schmidt, 201, Hamden, over Melvin Epps, 191, Brooklyn, in an eight-round rematch. Schmidt took a split nod over Epps here last June, and edged his clever-boxing rival in the last two rounds to win the rematch. *The Ring* had him ahead 4-3-1. It wasn't until the sixth that Ken gave his ardent rooters reason to cheer and raise placards aloft with a belated rally.

Two subs, both unbeaten, won in prelims. Al Mills, 150, Plainfield, N.J. raised his record to 4-0 by knocking out Chi Chi Hernandez, 148, Hartford, on a second knockdown in the first round. Hartford native Todd Longmuir, 136, Wantagh, L.I., hoisted his mark to 9-0 by outscoring Ronnie Perkins, 137, Springfield in a rugged head-to-head four-round duel applauded by the crowd.

Promoter—Lou Tallarita.

Attendance—770. Gross—$8,645.
(05-01-81)

JOE CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall**—Rafael Solis, 132½, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Jorge Zuniga, 130, Mexico, at 2:33 of round two in a scheduled 10. Solis floored his opponent in the first with a left hook. He's 33-4.

Alcides Morales, 115, Cuba, outscored Hector Cruz, 116, Puerto Rico, six.

Isidoro Moreno, 142, Cuba, stopped Roberto Feliciano, 141, Puerto Rico, at 1:02 of the fifth.

Cisco Maldonado, 201, Puerto Rico, won a split decision over LeRoy Broaders, 211½, Lakeland, six.

Pedro Laza, 138½, Cuba, won a close decision over Ray Dennis, 135, Ft. Lauderdale, six. This was a crowd pleasing war.

Jose Perez, 177, Dominican Republic, won a split decision over Killer Joe Dolphin, 169½, Miami, six.

Zabala-Tuto Enterprises.

Attendance—800 (est.).
(03-28-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Sheraton Beach Hotel**—Reiner Hartmann, 210, Frankfurt, Germany, halted Carl Baker, 209, Trinidad, at 1:20 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder. Referee Bill Conners halted matters as the German swarmed over the 38-year-old veteran.

Steve Whetstone, 111, Homestead, knocked out Mario Oferillo, 110, Miami, in 1:15 of the second. Whetstone, who had won a split decision over Oferillo a month before, is now 12-1. He's been improving with every bout.

Ian Clyde, 112, halted Jimmy Bowen, 111, Homestead, with one punch in 0:20 of the first round. Referee Eddie Eckhart stopped the contest after Bowen had been stunned by a terrific hook and dropped his hands. Clyde, who represented Canada in the Olympics, is now 2-0 with two kayoes.

Paul Murray, 175, Australia, kayoed Henry Jackson, 178, Miami, in 1:40 of the first round. This was Murray's fourth straight knockout.

Rocky Tirso, 138, Miami, outpointed Dexter Smith, 139, Homestead, four.

Billy Cunningham, 141, Miami, made his pro debut by flooring Art Johnson, 142, Ft. Lauderdale, twice in the first round and going on to take a clear decision.

Promoters—Tommy Torino, Roger Pinckney, and Chris Dundee.

Attendance—850 (est.).

▲ **NORTH MIAMI BEACH—Victory Park**—Kenny Klingman, 162, Miami Beach, kayoed Larry Liscomb, 163, Greenville, S.C., in 2:20 of the second. Klingman is now 21-0—all kayoes. He's a promising youngster, but fighting setups will get him nowhere.

Steve Whetstone, 112, Homestead, demolished Pedro Cruz, 115, Puerto Rico, in 1:58 of the second round. This was Whetstone's second fight in two days. He's now 13-1 and is developing quite a following.

Ceotis Burgess, 147, Ft. Lauderdale, kayoed Eddie Walker, 158, Miami, in 2:59 of the first.

Dexter Smith, 142, Homestead, and Roberto Riasco, 149, Panama, drew in the opening four-rounder.

Attendance— 500 (est.).
(04-08-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Convention Hall**—Rafael Piamonete, 146½, Colombia, won a unanimous decision over favored Mao de la Rosa, 147, Dominican Republic, in a 12- round bout for the Central American and Caribbean welterweight title.

Gilbert Acuna, 226, Costa Rica, knocked out Tom Prater, 197, Belle Glade, with a right cross to the button in 1:02 of the ninth in another scheduled 12.

Anthony Collins, 136¼, Miami, won a split decision over Angel Garcia, also 136¼, Puerto Rico, eight.

Pedro Laza, 136, Cuba, kayoed Carlos Nunez, 135½, Puerto Rico, in 0:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Alcidez Morales, 115, Cuba, won a split decision over Angel Collazzo, 112½, Puerto Rico, six.

Isodoro Moreno, 143, Cuba, knocked out Juan DeJesus, 145, Puerto Rico, in 1:47 of the first round in an exciting six. DeJesus was hitting Moreno with everything he threw until the latter flattened him with a dynamite right.

Felix Zubela, promoter.

Attendance—2,000 (est.).
(04-18-81)

▲ **MIAMI BEACH—Sheraton Beach Hotel**—Bill Medei, 160, Miami, and Nat King, 158½, Miami, drew, eight.

Japi Dehund, 157, Ft. Lauderdale, and Willie Joe Moore, 155, Miami, drew, four.

Joey Sanders, 210, Miami, busted the nose of Gary Peters, 190, Miami, and outscored him, four, via unanimous decision.

Tirco Rouque, 147, Cuba, won a hard fought split decision over Art Johnson, 142, Ft. Lauderdale. Rouque may have suffered a broken nose in the second.

Dale Bendrass, 144, Miami, knocked out Mike Johnson, 151, Miami, in 0:35 of the first round.

Steve Whetstone, 112, and Dexter Smith, 135, boxed a four-round exhibition.

Officials—Vince Corelli, Eddie Eckert, Bill Conners, Bernie Soto.

Promoters—Tommy Torino, Chris Dundee, Roger Pinckney.
(04-21-81)

▲ **WEST PALM BEACH—Auditorium**—Jeff Sims, 216, Belle Glade, Florida, knocked out Leon Shaw, 221, Jacksonville, Fla., in 1:50 of the first round in a scheduled 10-session main event.

Leon McDonald, 175, Ft. Lauderale, won the Florida State light heavyweight title by unanimous decision over Chris Wells, 170, Winter Park, 10. Wells was down four times.

World middleweight kick boxing champ Steve Shepherd, 156, made a successful pro debut with a unanimous decision over veteran Frank Medina, 153, Nicaragua, six.

Jerry Holly, 157, Orlando, TKO'd Tiger Hall, 158, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, at 1:08 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Reiner Hartmann, 215, Germany, TKO'd local favorite Ervin Blye, 206, at 1:18 of the third. Reiner is now 4-0 is a professional.

Ian Clyde, 112, scored his third straight one-round kayo, stopping Pedro Cruz, 114, Homestead, with a body shot in 1:15.

Steve Whetstone, 114, Homestead, halted Jorge Ortiz, 118, Miami, in 2:00 of the first.

Dexter Smith, 136, Homestead, kayoed Roy Dennis, 134, Beyton Beach, in 2:12 of the second with a picture right.

Promoters—Ernie Letiziano, Lou Barsky.

Attendance—3,252.
(04-22-81)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▲ **MOLINE—Wharton Field House**—Robert McFarland, 175, Chicago, won unanimous decision over Akbar Muhammad, 171, Chicago, eight. This one was simply "clutch, grab, and hold."

Carl Crowley, 160, Davenport, Iowa, knocked out Frank Anest, 157, Milwaukee, in 0:26 of round five in a scheduled six.

Elvis Parks, 174, Chicago, kayoed Don Bester, also 174, Chicago, with a short right to the chin in 0:45 of the first round in their scheduled sixer.

Lavon McGowan, 125, Daveport, and Kenny Reed, 135, Chicago, drew, four, in a good fight.

Willie Alexander, 158, Chicago, TKO'd Rocky Molina, 154½, Moline, at 1:20 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.

Dale Jackson, 160, Chicago, and Larry Johnson, 170, Chicago, boxed a four-round exhibition.

Referees—Al Preslinger, Ed Stage, and Art Wilburn.

Timekeeper—Kenny Kinch.
Promoter—Juanita Silva.
(4-24-81)

INDIANA

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Tyndall Armory—**Three live pro bouts were featured with the closed circuit showing of the Cooney-Norton match.

Mark Lemerick, Anderson, Indiana, won a unanimous decision over Tony Taylor, Muncie, six rounds, welterweights.

Tommy Stevenson, Indianapolis, TKO'd Marty Brockman, Cincinnati, in 1:57 of round one in a scheduled six-round heavy bout.

Ric Enis, Union City, Indiana, TKO'd chubby Hubert Adams, Dayton, Ohio, at 0:55 of the first round in a scheduled heavyweight four.

Promoters—Don Elbaum and Fred Berns.
Matchmaker—Pete Susens.
Attendance—100. Gross—$1,500.
(05-11-81)

GARY L. MERRITT

MASSACHUSETTS

▲ **WORCESTER—E.M. Lowe's Theatre—**Sean Mannion, 153, South Boston, won a close unanimous decision over Sterling Quick, 155, Philadelphia, eight. Scoring: referee Dick Flaherty, 80-74, judge Harry Devine, 80-77; judge Barbara Roach, 79-75.

Edwin Curet, 127, Chelsea, outscored Rocky Zolnierczyk, 130, Toronto, six.

Steve Hilyard, 137, outpointed Rick Diaz, 141, New York, four. Hilyard, like Curet, is from the Petronelli camp.

World middleweight champion Marvin Hagler went two rounds with brother Robbie Sims and boxed another exhibition with light heavy Renaldo Olivieira. Hagler was a few pounds over his normal fighting weight, but he growled, smiled, and stalked his opponents, looking good in the process.

Promoter—Doug Pendarvis.
Attendance—425 (est.). The E.M. Lowe Theatre can seat almost 2,250.

MICHAEL COUTURE

MICHIGAN

▲ **DALLAS—Cobo Hall—**4,000 fight fans turned out to see All-Star Boxing and Top Rank, Inc. present the Kronk Boxing Team in their first ESPN televised boxing show, and the main event gave them their moneys worth.

As the bell rang to end the final round of the 10-round middleweight main event, the term "bloodied but unbowed" really rang true. Mickey Goodwin scored his 29th victory in 30 outings with a unanimous 10-round decision over the always rugged Irishman, Teddy Mann, 20-7. Weighing in at 161½, the lowest since his amateur days, Goodwin had his hands full all the way. Using an excellent jab and taking Goodwin's best punches, Mann kept the fight even through the first six rounds until Goodwin's body punches started taking effect. During those first seven rounds, the quick solid jab of Mann opened up cuts by both of Goodwin's eyes that required 30 stitches to close. It was a very tough and brutal fight that left both men bloody at the final bell, with Goodwin trying desperately to put Mann away.

Welterweight sensation Milton McCrory, 146½, won his twelfth straight knockout without a loss by stopping Eddie Marcelle, 151, of Trinidad, 30-11, by a technical knockout at 2:32 of the second round. A short left hook by McCrory split Marcelle's eye and the bout was stopped because of the cut.

Junior welterweight contender Dujuan Johnson, 143, ran his record to 13-0 with a TKO at 1:07 of the third round over Pedro Acosta, 144½, of Chicago.

Tony Tucker, 208, Kronk's promising young heavyweight must have been licking his lips when he found out that they were substituting Memphis Al Jones, 205, for Robert Echols in his bout. Jones, whose record dropped to 30-41, bounced off the canvas three times in the first to have the bout stopped by the automatic three knockdown rule, giving Tucker a TKO at only 1:24 of the first round.

Former light heavyweight contender Lenny "Stinger" Hutchins, 181, had his comeback attempt slightly marred in winning a fourth round TKO at 2:03 of the fourth round over Jose Gutierrez, 174½, Ohio. The marring wasn't of his doing though. After being knocked down twice in the fourth Gutierrez, who evidently took offense at being hit waved his hands in what I hope isn't becoming a traditional Duran effect *"no mas"* and returned to his corner. Hutchins is now 31-3-1 and Gutierrez 10-11.

Making his professional debut Kronk's welterweight Landrus Buckley, 147, won an easy one round TKO over Chicago's Norman Whiters, 139, also making his pro debut. A solid right hook dropped Whiters, who was unable to defend himself there after and the referee stopped the bout at 1:59 of the first.

The closing bout of the night had the classy Lanny "Blue" Edmond, 147½, bringing his record to 7-1 with a unanimous decision over Flint's Lamont Hopkins, 158, whose record drops to 1-8. Hopkins proved once more that he can take a lickin' and keep on tickin'. Rocked again and again by Edmond's crisp clean shots he continued to be the aggressor and force the fight. While giving Edmond just about every round, I have to say that Hopkins is a real gamer and his 1-8 record is not reflected in his fighting ability.
(04-09-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Northwest Activities Center—**The Detroit Professional Boxing Club presented their second card of the year, with 36 rounds of boxing. Headlining the six-bout card was Leslie "Sweet Lemonade" Gardner, 160, Detroit in a ten round middleweight bout against Mark McCullough, 161, Columbus, Ohio. Using solid body punching Gardner, now 20-1, dropped McCullough, 10-7, in the second round, and pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision.

In an eight-round heavyweight bout that really accentuated the need for better ropes at the center, Detroit heavyweight Young Louis won his eighth bout without a loss, easily handling Tracey Munnerly of Columbus, Ohio in an eight-round unanimous decision. Munnerly looked ridiculous with his hot dogging and actually running away from contact again and again, refusing to fight. He is lucky he wasn't disqualified. He spent the last four rounds looking at his corner. It may have been for instructions, but it looked more like he was begging them to throw in the towel.

Wyandotte heavyweight Jim Olsewski, 186, ran his record to 5-1 with a knockout at 2:29 of the third round over Columbus, Ohio southpaw Phillip Brown, 179, who is now 7-5. A left hook by Olsewski opened a cut on Brown's eye on the knockdown, and Brown stayed down for the count.

In his second outing, Detroit heavyweight Tony Anthony, 215, knocked down Tim Johnson, 182, of Columbus in the second round but ended up having to hang on in the fourth and final frame to win via decision. Anthony is now 2-0 and Johnson is 5-7.

Detroit Junior welterweight Ricky Hills, 137, won his third straight as a pro with a four-round decision over Willie McIntosh, 136½, Grand Rapids, Mich. McIntosh, who does better against lightweights, dropped to 3-4-1.

And in the opening bout, Detroit light heavyweight Jerry Johnson, 176, brought his record up to 5-1 with a four-round decision over Earl Caldwell, 172, Columbus, now 5-5.
(04-18-81)

▲ **DETROIT—Cobo Hall—**Simone Promotions presented their second card of 1981. Because of some problems in the publicity area, there was a very small turnout, but those fans that did come were treated to some excellent boxing.

The main event featured Detroit's only major undefeated middleweight, Bernard "Superbad" Mays against Willie Ray Taylor of Charlotte, North Carolina, brother of Bernard Taylor. Mays, 15-0, used his lightning quick jab and savage right hand to knockout Taylor in 1:46 of the ninth round. Behind his quick jabs and with several good exchanges, Mays easily led in the early rounds, but, at the close of the sixth, he accidentally hit Taylor with a low blow at the bell. Taylor was given an additional minute's rest between the sixth and seventh, but came out raging and taking it to Mays in the seventh, Taylor's best round. Evidently, this didn't set too well with Bernard, because he came out bombing in the eighth and staggered Taylor several times with solid rights, finally finishing the fight in the ninth with a devastating right to the chin and then a hard left to the heart as Taylor was falling.

Michigan junior middleweight champion David Braxton, 154½, scored an easy technical knockout over an outclassed Bruce "The Mouse" Strauss, 153, of Omaha, Nebraska. In a one-sided fight, Braxton dropped Strauss once in the third and then three times in the fourth to have the bout stopped at 2:53 of the fourth under Michigan's three knockdown rule.

In a real crowd pleasing light heavyweight bout, Bay City's undefeated Felton Woods, 177¼, faced his first real test, meeting the Texas light heavyweight champion, Otis Gordon, 173¾. Gordon's only previous loss was to Jerry "The Bull" Martin. It was a close and well fought contest that had Gordon slightly ahead in the early rounds with Woods coming on strong in the middle frames to take a good lead—only to almost be put away by a crushing right from the Texas right hand machine in the ninth that had him hanging on at the bell. Woods recovered in the 10th and won a 10-round unanimous decision to bring his record to 16-0. Gordon's record drops to 10-2. A sad note was that Woods broke his hand at the close of the fight—bad news for the southpaw's first big win.

A very good looking southpaw from Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ralph Twinning, 142, brought his record up to 14-2 with a unanimous decision in six over Detroit's always rugged Earl Stringer, 143. Twinning fought a smart fight and used a series of hooks to the body to knock the wind out of Stringer, and actually had him almost ready to go at the end of the fourth. Twinning is preparing to meet Milton McCrory for the Michigan welterweight championship.

Grand Rapids had another winner when lightweight Willie McIntosh, 135, evened his record at 4-4-1 with a four-round knockout over Billy "The Kid" Madison, 142, Detroit, in 2:15 of the fourth session. McIntosh dropped Madison in the third with a good right and put him down in the fourth with a solid left to the stomach after a series of good body punches. Madison was the third lefty on the card.
(04-23-81)

DAVE HARTOON

NEBRASKA

▲ **OMAHA—**Willie (Fireball) Rodriguez, 140, successfully defended his USBA junior welterweight title with a split decision over Dale Hernandez, also 140, 12.

Rodriguez, with advantages in height (five inches) and reach, set the pace early, playing hard to find. Dale kept up the chase throughout most of the bout, but found the wiley Fireball to be an elusive figure.

Scoring: referee Gene Buzello, 119-118, Rodriguez; judge George Trupp, 117-115, Rodriguez; judge Bob Ruiz, 115-114, Hernandez.

Rodriguez is now 28-6. Hernandez is 36-5 with 22 kayoes.

Lamont Kirkland, 173, Omaha, knocked out Earl Thomas, 167, Memphis, in the first round of a scheduled six. Kirkland is now 5-0—all kayoes. He's a National Golden Gloves champ in his first year as a pro.

Danny Campbell, 147, Kansas City, Mo., TKO'd tough Billy Page, 150, Chicago, in the second round of their scheduled six. Campbell looked sharp. A cut eye forced the stoppage.

Timekeeper—Ken Parker.
Ringside physician—Dr. Jack Lewis.
(05-11-81)

ROBERT J. RUIZ

NEVADA

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel—**A gallant, battling Bruce Finch captured the NABF welterweight title with a TKO over defending champion Pepe Dominguez.

Finch, 145, Las Vegas, was in total command of the bout, scoring effectively with rights and lefts and swarming all over the 146½-pound Dominguez.

Dominguez was unable to counter Finch's speed and punching power. He tried several times to take the fight inside, but his punches were mostly wild and off target.

The Los Angeles fighter was cut on the bridge of his nose and was bleeding over the left eye when referee Harry Krause stopped the bout at the end of the 10th round. It was scheduled for 12.

This was Dominguez's first defense of the title he won six months earlier from Greg Stephens. He was so ineffective that two judges gave him only one round; the third judge awarded him two.

The Finch camp was ecstatic, as fighter, trainers, and managers, shouted: "We have a champion!"

In a scheduled 12-round bout for the vacant Nevada light heavyweight championship, Mike Clark, 173½, Carson City, scored a ninth round TKO over Carl Hess, 174, Tucson, Arizona.

The TKO came at 2:08 of the ninth round in the scheduled 12-rounder, as Clark put Hess down with a left-right combination.

Clark commanded the entire fight, losing only the fifth round when Hess put him down with a surprise left hook. Hess pressed the action, but was unable to land any serious punches. Clark meanwhile, continued with a stiff left jab and strong right lead and put Hess down as referee Joey Curtis stopped the bout near the end of the ninth session.

In a welterweight card opener, scheduled for 10, Kevin Morgan, 147½, scored his second straight victory on his comeback trail with a TKO over Clarence Howard, 146.

This bout, like the others on the card, was completely one-sided, as Morgan pummeled away with both hands and won every round until the bout was stopped at 2:46 of the seventh to spare Howard further punishment. Referee was Glenn Towell.

Morgan was once the Nevada welterweight champion, and is now on the comeback trail after a year and a half lay-off.

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Silver Slipper—**Super bantamweights Jose "El Indio" Resendez, 123¼ and Danny Aguilera 122, battled to a 10-round draw in the main event.

Both fighters battled incessantly, but there were no knockdowns in the fight. Resendez opened a cut over the eye of Aguilera in the eight round, but Aguilera was ahead on points until the 10th. Resendez won the 10th round, resulting in the draw. Scoring was: judge Ed Brown; 96-96; Jerry Clark, 95-95; Duane Ford, 96-95 in favor of Aguilera. Referee: David Pearl.

A junior middleweight bout, scheduled for six, was halted by ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo after the second round.

Dewud Bahar, 150, was badly beaten by Reinaldo Rogue, 152, for two rounds, and Romeo ruled that Bahar could not continue to fight. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

In a light heavyweight bout, scheduled for six, Abalardo Ramos, 172, kayoed Larry Myers, 168, at 2:19 of the third.

It was a strong, straight right that spelled the early end of Meyers. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Silver Slipper—**All but one of the fights on the five-bout card ended with knockouts.

In the main event, scheduled for 10, Humberto de Los Rios, 155, kayoed Jose Pacheco, 156, in 0:43 of the second round. Pacheco was down twice in the first round; and met his fate with the final K.O. early in the second. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

The semi-main of lightweights nearly went the distance—until Ricky "Machine-Gun" Wallace, 129, knocked out Sal Lujon, 131, in 2:07 of the sixth. The bout saw action on the part of both fighters, but Wallace managed the K.O. seconds before the final bell. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

In a junior welterweight prelim, scheduled for six, Luis Palma, 138, TKO'd Sergio Perez, 136, at 1:06 of the first Palma had Perez down twice before referee Carlos Padilla finally halted the bout.

A scheduled six-round bantamweight bout ended at 1:18 of

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Gerry Cooney (New York)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Missouri)
4. John Tate (Tennessee)
5. James Tillis (Illinois)
6. Ken Norton (California)
7. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
8. Marty Monroe (California)
9. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
10. Stan Ward (California)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
2. James Scott (New Jersey)
3. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
4. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
5. Marvin Camel (Montana)
6. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)
7. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Yaqui Lopez (California)
10. Dwight Braxton (Pennsylvania)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Wilford Scypion (New York)
1. Vito Antuofermo (New York)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. Robbie Epps (Nevada)
5. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. Vinnie Curto (Massachusettes)
8. Ernie Singletary (Pennsylvania)
9. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
10. William "Caveman" Lee (Michigan)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Nino Gonzalez (New Jersey)
2. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Texas)
3. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
4. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
5. Tyrone Rackley (Arizona)
6. Rocky Mosley (Nevada)
7. Jerry Cheatham (Arizona)
8. Steve Delgado (Arizona)
9. Odell Leonard (Maryland)
10. Tony Chiaverini (Missouri)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
1. Pete Ranzany (California)
2. Randy Shields (California)
3. Adolfo Viruet (New Jersey)
4. Bruce Finch (Nevada)
5. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
6. Babs McCarthy (California)
7. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
8. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
9. Pepe Dominguez (California)
10. Greg Stephens (California)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Leroy Haley (Nevada)
1. Bruce Curry (Texas)
2. Monroe Brooks (California)
3. Domingo Ayala (Puerto Rico)
4. Sal Lopez (California)
5. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
6. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
7. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
8. Termite Watkins (Texas)
9. Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
10. Billy Costello (New York)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
2. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
3. Jorge Morales (Puerto Rico)
4. Herman Montes (California)
5. Gonzallo Montellano (California)
6. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)
7. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
8. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
9. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
10. Frank Newton (Oklahoma)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Frankie Baltazar (California)
3. Johnny Sato (California)
4. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
5. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
6. Gerald Hayes (New Jersey)
7. Enrique Solis (Puerto Rico)
8. James Martinez (Texas)
9. Hector Cortez (California)
10. Jerome Artis (Pennsylvania)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
2. Juan LaPorte (New York)
3. Alberto Collazo (Pennsylvania)
4. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
5. Jose Caba (California)
6. Freddie Roach (Arizona)
7. Mark Davis (California)
8. Rocky Garcia (California)
9. Warren Matthews (Louisiana)
10. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Jaime Garza (California)
5. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)
6. Sergio Castro (California)
7. Richard Savala (California)
8. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
9. Javier Flores (Utah)
10. Melvin Johnson (California)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Alberto Davila (California)
2. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Andres Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Mario Chavez (California)
6. Fred Jackson (Texas)
7. Richard Sandoval (California)
8. Ricardo Varela (California)
9. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)
10. George Garcia (California)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Joey Olivo (California)
2. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
3. Jose Torres (Arizona)
4. Javier Mendoza (California)
5. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
6. Norberto Castellano (Texas)
7. Alonso Gonzales (California)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
9. Felix Castillo (Texas)
10. Alberto Mercado (Arizona)

the second round as Lorenzo Ramirez, 119, scored an impressive K.O. over Alberto Ariosa, 119. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

In the only fight to go the distance, Rafael Zamora, 172, won unanimous decision over Jimmy Owens, 174. It was Zamora's fight all the way, as the aging Owens was unable to find his speed or timing. Scoring was: judge Joe Swessel: 60-55; Bob Martin, 60-54; Dave Moretti, 60-54. Referee: Fred Hernandez.

▲ LAS VEGAS—It was a night of quick knockouts at the "Matador Arena Fights" at the Hacienda Hotel, presented by the hotel in association with Top Rank, Inc. and ESPN—TV.

In the main event, scheduled for 10, Jeff Shelberg, 209, Salt Lake City, crumbled Roy "Cookie" Wallace, 216, of Dallas, with a TKO at 1:37 of the second round.

Shelburg pounded away at close rance on his opponent with powerful right and left hand punches. Wallace did very little by way of retaliation, and suffered an injury that virtually shut his left eye. The fight was stopped by referee Joey Curtis, over Wallace's strong protests.

In a twin main, scheduled for 10, Blaine Dickson, 132, made short work of Roy Hernandez, 135, of San Antonio. Dickson sent the hapless Hernandez to the canvas three times in the first round and the bout was ended under the Nevada three-knockdown rule. Referee: John Worth.

A heavyweight semi-main ended a round short of the scheduled eight when Tony Tucker, 208, scored a TKO over Chip Tyler, 238, at 2:37 of the seventh. Tucker, the former AAU champion from Grand Rapids, Michigan, boosted his undefeated record to 8-0. Tucker won every round, and was soundly beating on Tyler in the corner when referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight.

A light heavyweight bout, scheduled for eight, ended at 2:12 of the first round as Chris Schwenke, 177½, sent opponent Viscente Medina to the canvas twice during the session. The bout was stopped by referee John Worth.

In a middleweight bout, set for six, Randy Holmes, 156, pulled a Roberto Duran act. He threw up his arms and quit at 1:57 of the fourth round against unbeaten Tony Cerda, Jr., 160. Cerda was awarded a TKO as referee Carlos Padilla stopped the bout.

The most exciting fight of the night—and the only bout to go the distance was a 10-round bantamweight contest between Franco Terragoza, 120, Phillipines, and Mario Chavez, 119, Los Angeles.

The feisty fighters slugged at each other for every second of the 10 terrific rounds.

There were no knockdowns, but Terragoza was cut under the left eye in the fourth round and over the right in the eighth.

The bout ended in a majority decision for Chavez with the scoring as follows: judge Charles Minker, 96-94; judge Dalby Shirley, 97-93, both for Chavez; and judge Jerry Roth, 95-95, even. Referee: David Pearl.

SHIRLEY NORMAN

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel Casino—ESPN junior middle champ Tony Braxton sprang a minor upset, scoring a ninth-round TKO over world rated Clint Jackson in the main event of Playboy's first fight card in Atlantic City.

Jackson never lived up to his advanced billing. Some say his recent split with manager Ace Miller was responsible, but let's give Braxton some credit. He fought a busy, aggressive fight, and always seemed in control.

Referee Joe Cortez rescued Jackson at 2:32 of the ninth. Clint was pinned on the ropes with his gloves in front of his face, taking one shot after another.

"Jackson wasn't terrible," said Braxton's manager, Lou Duva. "Rather, it was Braxton who made him look that way."

One way or another, terrible is exactly how the touted boxer from Nashville looked. He didn't seem to have either his head or his heart in the fight. It was Clint's first loss in 11 pro outings.

Braxton, 154, is the brother of light heavy Dwight, who also won the ESPN tourney at his weight. Tony has now nine wins to go with one draw, that coming against Frank "The Animal" Fletcher when Braxton was still in Rahway.

Talented Bernard Taylor, 128, Knoxville, Tenn., survived a first round knockdown to rally and score a TKO over rugged Marcio Santiago, 126, at 2:14 of the eighth. Taylor is unbeaten in seven pro bouts.

Mario Tiberi, 171, drew with Quadir Montiquim in an all-action four that featured plenty of blood and punching.

Sean Mannion, 165, won a split decision over Robert Swayer, 150, in a good eight.

Robbie Williams, 196½, decisioned Robert Evans, 216, in another eight spot.

Undefeated Charles Singleton, 175¾, outpointed Cornell Chavis, 176, in a boring six.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Televised over the ESPN cable.

(05-07-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ TRENTON—Catholic Youth Center—This fledgling promotion was on the ropes after a poor show in Feburary in which none of the imported opposition could survive the first round. But promoter John Milligan and matchmaker Ted Larve regrouped and responded with an excellent club show as a near full house of about 1,200 turned out for the action. The local heroes had a struggle to break even in six highly competitive bouts.

Earl Hargrove, 155, Edgewater Park, New Jersey, TKO'd "Popo" Villa, 154, New York, at 2:04 of the second round. Hargrove, the undefeated prospect, took on the toughest test of his career to date in Villa, a veteran club fighter, and came through with flying colors. He overwhelmed Villa with a solid body attack, dropped him with a right near the end of the first, and battered him until the fight was stopped.

"Tee" Carpenter, 176¼, Trenton, TKO'd Richie Giaquinto, 179, Trenton, at 2:01 of the second. This hot local showdown brought the fans out, and Carpenter outgunned Giaquinto in a short but furious slugfest.

Kenny "Crusher" Lyons, 172½, Landover, Md., TKO'd Willie Flemming, 173, Trenton, at 1:06 of the fourth and final round.

Roberto (Sugar) Mendez, 146, Trenton, and William Osbourne, 147, Philly, drew, four.

James Downing, 137, Trenton, won a majority decision over Johnny Augustine, 135, Girard, Ohio, four. John Myers, 145, Warren, Ohio, won a split decision over Chris Rogers, 148, Elizabeth, N.J., six.

(04-03-81)

J.R. JOWETT

NEW YORK

▲ HAUPPAUGE, SUFFOLK—Colonie Hill Catering Hall—Local hero Tommy McNeece, 170, Oakdale, New York, halted John (Black Jesus) Powell at 2:54 of the first round in the featured main event. McNeece is now 15-2.

Charles Hecker, 159, New York City, TKO'd Ali Perez, 161, New York City, at 1:01 of the sixth. Perez should hang 'em up.

Phil Capobianco, 174, Huntington, New York, stopped James Abdul Akbar, 175, Newark, at 2:44 of the first.

Todd Longmuir, 137, Wantagh, New York, outscored Eddie Ortiz, 136, Paterson, six. Todd could have a future.

Tom Molly, 158, Huntington, New York, got the decision over Joe Martino, also 158, New Hyde Park, four. Martino was jobbed. He lost the third session for rabbit punching, and that may have been Molloy's margin of victory.

Gino Gelormino, 125, Waterstown, New York, won a debatable decision over Reggie Hill, 128½, Paterson, four. This was a light hitting contest in which Hill had all the savvy.

Jack Coulter, 131, Rockville Centre, New York, forced Noel Torrez, also 131, Brooklyn, to retire in his corner after round one with a badly broken nose.

Tommy Amato, 147, Massapeque, New York, halted clowning Curtis Williams, 145, Newark, at 2:31 of the first round. Billy Graham, referee. Tom Fitzgerald, 182, East Meadow, New York, kayoed Mike Prussick, 183, in 1:57 of the first.

(04-23-81)

▲ STATEN ISLAND—Paramount Theatre—John Verderosa, 131, Staten Island, needed almost seven rounds to take out Ron Aurit, 132, Philadelphia. Referee Harold Valan stopped the scheduled eight-round bout at 1:49 of the seventh after Verderosa smashed a hard right off a cut in the corner of Aurit's left eye. There were no knockdowns, and the taunting Aurit gave "The Heat" far more trouble than the far superior Robert Mullins had six weeks before. Ron ran away and made John angry with insulting remarks. That's a dangerous thing to do.

Carmelo Negron, 122, New York City, TKO'd Edwin Santiago, 128, Puerto Rico, at 2:14 of the third round in their scheduled eight. This was Negron's first bout in almost seven months due to a broken jaw suffered in training.

Frank Morganti, 145, Staten Island, Made his pro debut outscoring Robert Thomas, 147, Chester, Pa., four.

Johnny Monrone, 147, Staten Island, TKO'd Sal Troavella, also 147, Brooklyn, at 2:02 of the first. It was Monrone's fifth straight knockout.

Benny Fuentes, 134, New York City, TKO'd Ramon Ortiz, 134½, Brooklyn. Referee Harold Valan stopped the bout at 1:48 of the first session after Ortiz had been down for a brief count.

Pablo Pizzaro, 174, Brooklyn, made his pro debut by stopping Ferquin Ali, 181, Newark, at 2:31 of the third. Referee Valan stopped the scheduled four-rounder after Ali had spent most of the last session being punished on the ropes.

Dennis Reilly, 210, Staten Island, TKO'd Al Monday, 181, Philadelphia, at 1:09 of round one. Stinkers like this one don't usually end up on Sciacca cards.

▲ BROOKLYN—Prospect Hall—Manuel Meloh, 160, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Milton Owens, 161, Orlando, Florida, in a 12-round bout billed for the Continental Americas middleweight title. Arthur Mercante, referee.

Owens proved to be a purely defensive fighter who waited much too long to make his move. He let the fight slip away by just trying to parry Melon's punches and not mounting a serious attack on his own. *The Ring* scored the contest 7-4-1, Melon.

Ruby (The Snake) Ortiz, 143, Brooklyn, and Victor Mangual, 142, Dominican Republic, drew, eight. Referee Herb Kronowitz scored the bout a 4-4 draw, one judge had it 6-2, Mangual, and the other judge scored 5-3 Ortiz.

Pat Basciano, 176½, Brooklyn, TKO'd John James, 170, Philadelphia, at 1:50 of the first.

Kato Wilson, 135, Brooklyn, halted Larry Savage, 134, Philly, at 1:55 of the first round.

Jose Duran Martinez, 148, Puerto Rico, knocked out Dennis John, 147, Trinidad, with a solar plexus left hook and right to the temple. Referee Kronowitz counted John out at 2:45 of the first frame.

(05-01-81)

CHARLES D. BROWN

▲ ROCHESTER—War Memorial Auditorium—Rocky Fratto, 151½, Geneva, New York, won the North American Boxing Federation junior middle title with a unanimous decision over defending champ Rocky Mosley, 154, Las Vegas, 12.

Scoring: referee Frank Adams and judge Tony DiSalvo, both 7-4-1; judge Al Parry, 6-5-1.

Fratto is now 24-0. Mosley is 33-7.

Frank Minigan, 144½, Rochester, knocked out Tim LaValley, 142, Troy, New York, in 2:45 of round three in a scheduled eight. This was their third meeting. Minigan is managed by Frank Verna.

Jim Giambelluca, 133, Buffalo, won unanimous decision over Jack Riley, 138, Troy, six. Giambelluca, who provided lots of action, is handled by Johnny Sudac.

Tommy Bennett, 183, Rochester, TKO'd Tom Murphy, 187, Troy, at 2:41 of the third in a scheduled six-rounder.

Pablo DeJesus, 165, Rochester, kayoed Preston Jones, 157, Buffalo, in 1:06 of the second in a scheduled four.

Canastota Boxing Club.

Attendance—5,665. Gross—$49,500. JIM LEO

▲ BINGHAMTON—Broome County Arena—Professional boxing returned to Binghamton for the first time since May 20, 1977, and "Irish" Danny McAloon, 162, Bronx, New York, TKO'd Steve Arvin, 157¾, Binghamton, in a scheduled eight. Referee Tommy Holmes stopped the contest at 2:16 of the sixth round after Arvin had been decked by a right hand.

Teddy Mann, 164, Forked River, New Jersey, halted Leo Martinez, 163½, Philadelphia, at 2:42 of the fourth round in the co-feature, also scheduled for eight.

Four-rounders: Jody Nabinger, 132¾, Endicott, New York, made his pro debut by stopping Billy Hill, 132, Washington, D.C., at 2:31 of the first. Frank Adams, referee. Jeff Sibley, 174, Oswego, New York, made his debut by halting Richard Williams, 174½, Philadelphia, at 2:48 of the second. Tommy Holmes, referee. Dennis Cruz, 134½, New York, knocked out Mike Thomas, 131, Springfield, Mass., in 2:22 of the first. Andrew Tena, 128¾, New York, TKO'd Michael Brown, 129½, Philadelphia, at 1:50 of the first in the card opener. Tena represented the Dominican Republic in the 1980 Olympic Games.

Cedric Kushner, promoter.

Attendance—1,602.

(05-08-81)

JOHN GRASSO

▲ WHITE PLAINS—Westchester County Center—"No mas" is becoming a fad.

Roberto Duran started it in November, quitting in the eighth round of his title bout with Sugar Ray Leonard. Last February, it was Hocine Tafer doing the French version in the ninth round of his fight with European light heavyweight champion Rudi Koopmans. This time, Trevor Evelyn waved his hands in defeat in the fifth round of his junior welterweight tussle with Bill Costello.

Costello, 16-0 and gunning for a top 10 rating, controlled the tempo of the contest from the outset by going to the body and driving Evelyn to the ropes. A solid right in round two and an overhand right in the third stunned Evelyn, and Costello started the fifth round very quickly—scoring with two crisp lefts that caused blood to flow from Trevor's mouth. Evelyn then threw up his hands, signaling the contest's end.

It was later revealed that Trevor's jaw was broken by an overhand right thrown earlier in the session. Evelyn was thus let off the hook.

Eddie Davis, 173, knocked out Mike Hardin, 176, in 0:25 of the seventh round in the co-feature.

Paul DeVorce, 126, won a majority decision over Santos Cruz, also 126, six. The scores were 5-1, 3-2-1-, and 3-3. *The Ring* had Cruz the winner, as did most of those at ringside. Santos continually beat Paul to the punch.

Haleen Muhammad outpointed Ron Dominique, 161½, four. Johnny Fanea, outscored Robert Thomas, 155½, four. Gene Vangarelli, 169, kayoed Eddie Gray in 1:40 of the third.

Only 1,000 fans showed up for Lou Falcigno's Momentum Enterprises monthly show due to the fact that a Felt Forum card and a Stanley Cup Playoff game in nearby Madison Square Garden were held on the same evening.

(04-24-81)

DEAN COLEMAN

▲ NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Nino Gonzalez, 153½, Bayonne, New Jersey, moved another few notches up the junior middle ladder with a seventh round TKO over former North American Boxing Federation champion Steve Delgado, 155, San Diego, California.

Delgado seems to have gone back some. He tried the Muhammad Ali bit—circling Gonzalez, taunting him with jabs, and letting loose with combos when he sensed the time was ripe. Nino, though, refused to be intimidated. He worked Delgado's body through the first four rounds, trapped Steve on the ropes in session five, and worked him over with some left hooks in the sixth.

A hard left, followed by a right, a flurry, and another right, knocked down Delgado in the seventh. He got up, but Gonzalez drove him to the ropes and almost knocked him down again before referee Tony Perez stepped in at 0:23.

This reversed a point win Steve scored over Nino in Las Vegas on February 24, 1980. Gonzalez is now 23-1 with 12 kayoes. Delgado is 13-7-1 with four knockouts.

Marlon (Magic Man) Starling, 147, Hartford, Conn., made his New York debut by halting Miguel Hernandez, 146½, Manhattan, at 0:38 of the eighth round in the program's other scheduled 10-rounder. Marlon entered the ring wearing an "I Love New York" shirt, and proceeded to live up to his advance publicity by forcing Hernandez back into his own corner in every canto. There's a little of Henry Armstrong in Starling's perpetual attack, although Marlon lacks the Armstrong punch. The "Magic Man" is also a bit of a show boat, waving to his Hartford fans (who almost seemed to have bought out the Forum) before the start of every round.

Starlon was hitting Hernandez from all angles when referee Vincent Rainone stepped in at 0:38 of the eighth session. Marlon is now 16-0 with nine kayoes, and may have a bright future in the welterweight division. Hernandez is 12-3 with seven knockouts.

Six-rounders: Kenny Styles, 159½, Philadelphia, TKO'd David Bolden, 155, New York, at 1:44 of the first round. Hector Camacho, 133, Bronx, kayoed Jerry Strickland, 137, Columbus, in 2:40 of the second. Carlton Swift, 162, Brooklyn, and Jamal Arbubakrr, 165, drew, with all three scorecards 3-3.

Four-rounders: Everett Conklin, 175, Roosevelt, N.Y., stopped Juan Tyrone Hernandez, 178, Staten Island, at the end of three. Mike McCallum, 155, TKO'd Dan Chapman, 154, New Paltz, N.Y., Manhattan, at 2:09 of the fourth round. Wendell Hauser, 160, Manhattan, TKO'd Robert (Sizzler) Wilson, 157, Brooklyn, at 1:36 of the second.

Tony Perez refereed Camacho-Strickland and Gonzalez-Delgado. Vincent Rainone handled McCallum Chapman, Hauser-Wilson, and Starling-Hernandez. Luis Rivera worked Styles-Bolden, Swift-Arbubakrr, and Conklin-Hernandez.

Judges—Al Reid, Simon Ramos.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Attendance—1,543. Gross—$20,081.

(04-24-81)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OREGON

▲ PORTLAND—Expo Center—The Billie Minnix vs. Tom Rudolph bout fell through at the last minute and the card didn't look very inspiring on paper. In the flesh, it came out flashy.

N.W. welterweight champ Steve Chase, 29 years old, 146, Kelso, Washington had been out of the ring for 11 months following his split decision loss to Pepe Dominguez in May, 1980. Chase's timing was affected by rust, but his excellent physical condition served him well in his eight-round comeback against 22-year-old Johnny "Rasta" Herbert, 146, Seattle. Herbert's speed and determination gave Chase several rough rounds but the Kelso Champ's fewer and harder shots won him the controversial split decision and handed Herbert his first loss in a 6-1 record with five kayoes. The scoring read: judge Laford, 78-77, Chase, judge Weitzel, 77-76, Chase; referee Jim Cassidy, 78-77, Herbert. Chase moves to 10-3-3 and plans to spend more time in the ring.

Portland's Brian Tinker, 21 years, 128, came up with his sixth straight win over Joey Ortega, 28 years, 127, Oakland. It was eight rounds of hot knocking, with Ortega handing Tinker his toughest, smartest competition in what has been a series of real tests. Tinker proved he could take shots, fight low inside as well as at a distance, and keep a cool head throughout. Tinker's well-placed and varied combinations and some stunning uppercuts gave him a unanimous decision and a standing ovation.

The opening six saw Sam Wilson, 146, Albany, share his debut tussel with Francisco Roche, 144, Seattle. Roche took control with a stylish stand up and slug approach but Wilson's persistent jab and reach advantage kept things busy. A unanimous decision put the newcomers at: Roche, 1-0 and Wilson 0-1.

Victor "The Fox" Deloney, 154, Seattle, went to 2-0 in six rounds with Greg Hutcheson, 156, Medford. Hutcheson made his debut with slow but aggressive howitzers. Deloney, 22 years old and a sparring stablemate of Charles LaCour and Billie Minnix, has more experience than his record suggests and is improving steadily.

Referees Bill Thornberg and Jim Cassidy shared third man duties and Cassidy also scored the bouts in the absence of judge Robinson. Other judges were Paul Weitzel and Ben Laford. Dr. Wilhelmi of the Portland Commission was in attendance and Ron Valeu kept the clock. Promoter Fred McNalley took in $6,500 from 722 fans.

(04-22-81)

▲ PORTLAND—Expo Center—German Cuello, stale after a 15 month lay-off, was standing in for Zeferino "Speedy" Gonzalez, who suffered a fractured jaw while sparring three days before his scheduled bout with Curtis "Razor" Ramsey. Ramsey, 151, the Northwest welterweight and junior middleweight champ, thrashed the outclassed Cuello, 145, Los Angeles, in seven rounds of a scheduled 10. It was Ramsey's show from the first bell. The "Razor," showing off his new methodical, hard-punching style, wobbled Cuello with a short right midway through round one and set the tempo for the entire fight. Ramsey, fighting heavier now as a junior middle, is not the dancer of the past, but has retained his hand speed. Ramsey dropped Cuello three times in the fourth round and the fight should have been stopped in compliance with the three knock-down rule, but referee Bill Thornberg lost count and let the bout continue. The end came in the seventh, when a Ramsey hook sent Cuello to the canvas for a nine-count. Seconds later, a right cross ended it with Cuello being counted out at the 2:35 mark. Ramsey is now 15-9-4 and riding three consecutive knockouts. Promoter-matchmaker Fred McNalley is negotiating to put Ramsey in the ring with world ranked Randy Shields for a TV bout with national distribution. German Cuello goes back to Los Angeles with his record at 33-8.

In one of two eight-rounders, Eugene bantamweight "Sweet Baby" James Manning, 119, had some interesting solutions to the problems presented by Mario Noriega, 115, Chihuahua, Mexico, via Las Vegas. Manning won every round and dropped the game Noriega in the fourth, fifth, and sixth. Manning is now 7-2 and Noriega suffered his first loss for 3-1.

In the second eight rounder, Portland junior lightweight Brian Tinker, 128, went to 7-0 with a second round stoppage of Jose Lopez, 127, 4-3, Los Angeles. It was entertaining while it lasted. In the first round, Lopez came out winging and stung Tinker with wild hooks and uppercuts, but Tinker stayed cool and landed some hard shots of his own in a fairly even session. In the second round, Tinker delivered a careful combo to the head and body that staggered Lopez and forced referee Jim Cassidy to administer a standing eight-count. Tinker went all out after that, knocking Lopez around the ring until ref Cassidy decided he'd seen enough and stopped the contest at 2:50 of round two.

In the four-round opener, two heavyweights made their pro debuts. Rod Smith, 205, Albany, Oregon kayoed Dick Goldstein, 218, Portland, in 1:50 of the first.

863 fans paid a reported $8,000 at the door.

Dr. Jack Battaglia of the Portland Boxing Commission attended at ringside and Ron Valeu was timekeeper. Judges were Ben Laford, Paul Weitzel, and George Robinson.

(05-06-81)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—Promoter Barry McCall ran his second show at this catering hall and drew another packed house in the vicinity of 500, paying $10 per seat. Not bad when you consider the no-name boxers on the bill.

In the main event, Randy Mitchum knocked out Roosevelt "Mad Dog" Moss in the fourth after scoring a knockdown in the third. Mitchum, 144½, and Moss, 149, have recently moved to Philly from down south and joined the McCall stable.

Local Freddy Reyes, 137, scored a TKO over Carlos Santana (not the quitar player), 136, in two.

"Irish" Sean McGarry, 147, TKO'd Ernie Norris, 146½, in 2:11 of the first in a mismatch.

In the best scrap of the night, William Osborne, 148½, decisioned Danny Harrold, 147, over four tough rounds.

"General" Amir Ali, 165, sparring partner to WBC light heavyweight boss Saad Muhammad, TKO'd Curtis Pittman, 164½, at 0:52 of the second.

(04-30-81)

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center—Three eight-rounders headlined.

Marty Capasso, 204, Aston, Pennsylvania, halted Smokey Middleton, Washington, D.C., at 1:30 of the sixth. Capasso is now 15-0.

Lou (The Sheriff) Benson, Baltimore, won unanimous decision over Oliver Wright, Kingston, Jamaica, in a dull heavyweight contest. Cards of the officials were 37-36, 40-33, and 40-30. Hank Cisco, referee.

Mark Holmes, Easton, Pennsylvania, won unanimous decision over Ben Serrano, Philly. Holmes is now 10-0. Brother Larry was in attendance.

Mike Addesa, Old Forge, went the distance for the first time and took a four-round verdict over Tim Eaton, Brooklyn, light heavyweights. Addesa is now 5-0. He's popular around the area.

Seven amateur bouts preceded the professional card.

Minooka Boxing Club. Paul Ruddy, matchmaker.

Attendance—1,422. Gross—$8,950.

(04-24-81)

JIM LEO

▲ COATESVILLE—Coatesville High School—Heavyweight prospect Jimmy Clark promoted and headlined his own show, as pro boxing came to this, Clark's home town, for the first time in over 25 years.

Clark, 215, TKO'd noted stiff Johnny "Terror" Blaine, 193, Bridgeport, Conn., at 0:30 of the second. Blaine went out from a left hook.

Larry Barge, 130, Camden, a fine prospect, TKO'd tough veteran Pedro LeBron, also 130, Kennett Square, Pa., in the best bout of the evening. The ringside doctor wouldn't let LeBron come out for the third round. He was staggered by rights in the first and decked by a left hook while being battered in the second.

Mike Grant, 168, Philadelphia, and Sean Parker, 171, Philadelphia, drew, six.

Wyatt Simkins, 153½, Philadelphia, decisioned Kato Ali, 150, Philly, four. This was a terrible call. The energetic, showy Ali chased Simkins all over the ring, hammering hooks to the body and head. He should have won without a question.

(04-15-81)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▲ MEMPHIS—Expo Arena—Jimmy Heair stopped Abdul Farakhan, Indianapolis, in the sixth round of the main event. Three knockdowns in the session ended matters.

Alvin Fowler, St. Louis, halted Earl Wilson, Memphis, in the first round of a feather eight.

Sonny Barch knocked out Burness Conley, 230, in the first round. Barch is now 5-0—all first round kayoes.

Gilbert Miconda outscored Rocky McCollum, welters.

Billy Joe Thomas, Marianna, Arkansas, halted Dan Kiser, Memphis, in the sixth. Thomas, 6'4" and 205, had advantages of five inches in height and 20 pounds in weight.

Mid-South Boxing.

(04-07-81)

▲ NASHVILLE—Municipal Auditorium—Jerome (Kid) Coffee knocked out Rondell Steveson, North Carolina, in the fifth round with a hard right ot the head. This was the Nashville bantamweight's second pro bout. He won his first one by disqualification. Clint Jackson worked in Coffee's corner.

Dan Bowers kayoed overweight Larry Powell in 1:20 of the second session, heavies.

Henry (Happy) Hightower won a split decision over Ricky (Bad News) Beard, junior middles.

Darryl Fuller, Nashville, kayoed outclassed Marvin Ladson, Winston-Salem, with a left hook followed by an overhand right in 1:25 of the second, lightweights.

Don (Battling) Bowers knocked out Claude Moore, North Carolina, with a hard right to the head in 2:10 of round five. Bowers' main problem was reaching the head of the inept Moore, who stood about seven inches taller.

Referees—Billy Collins, Steve Murff.

Alkebulan Enterpreises, Inc.

Attendance—1,000.

(04-30-81)

WARREN DUZAK

TEXAS

▲ HOUSTON—Sam Houston Coliseum—Joaquin Acuna, 126, Mexico City, won a close but unanimous decision over Barnaby Montanez, 125, Ponce, Puerto Rico, in the 10-round main event. Acuna, a stablemate of Salvador Sanchez, lacks boxing skills, per se, but he is a tough customer who throws roundhouse lefts and rights from the opening bell on to the end.

Tony Sanchez, 132¼, Houston, TKO'd Jose Luis Alejandro, 136¼, Panama, at 2:58 of the fourth round. Alejandro, though, had hit the local slugger with everything but the water bottle for the frist three rounds. Midway through the fourth, the southpaw Alejandro missed a wicked ovehand left and dislocated his shoulder. He promptly went to one knee in a neutral corner, in considerable pain, and referee Chris Jordan stopped the contest. Jose was a sub for Luis E. Martinez.

A third 10, elevated from six-round status when Pdero Galvaiz's scheduled opponent, Luis Tapia, Colombia, failed to show, saw thin Norberto Castellano, 112¾, San Antonio, rally in rounds eight, nine, and 10 to capture a unanimous decision over local youngster Carlos Gomez, 117¼. Approximately $150 was thrown into the ring as a bonus for a job well done by the appreciative crowd.

The scheduled six-round curtain raiser featured Roosevelt Rico, 131, Houston, knocking over Juan Rodriguez, 130, San Antonio, in 0:35 of round two.

CANADIAN RATINGS
BY THE CANADIAN BOXING FEDERATION

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Halifax)
1. Conroy Nelson (Ottawa)
2. Ken Lakusta (Edmonton)
3. Gord Racette (Vancouver)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (Brantford)
1. Roddie McDonald (Toronto)
2. Willie Featherstone (Toronto)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ralph Hollett (Halifax)
1. Wayne Caplette (Winnipeg)
2. Eddie Melo (Toronto)
3. Fernand Marcotte (Montreal)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Alan Clarke (Halifax)
2. Mario Cusson (Montreal)
3. Ghislain Deroy (Sept-Iles)
4. Bob Harvey (Halifax)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. John Summerhays (Brantford)
2. Nick Furlano (Toronto)
3. Alan Ford (Edmonton)
4. Michel Lalonde (Hull)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Leonard Pinnock (Montreal)
2. Tom Gourley (Halifax)
3. Jeff Day (Moncton)

A four-round exhibition between world ranked Antonio Avelar and local flyweight Humberto Rodriguez was added to the program as a result of the Galvaiz cancellation.

Referees—Robert Gonzales, Chris Jordan.

Judges—Bob McMillan, David McCullough.

Timekeeper—Virgil Reichardt.

Knockdown timer—W.W. (Woody) Meyers.

Attendance—1,795.

(03-24-81)

▲ **FORT WORTH—Will Rogers Coliseum**—James (Bubba) Busceme, Beaumont, used his greater speed to withstand a strong start by young Pat Duran and capture a unanimous 12-round decision in the first defense of his newly won Texas State lightweight title.

The evening's semi-final, slated for 10 rounds, saw a bizarre ending that just begs for a rematch. Dallas middleweight Paul Stephens wears a special mouthpiece, designed by his manager, Dr. Charles Dietz, to protect his gums where his front teeth is missing. After four relatively even session, Paul was hit on the chin by Freddy Johnson of New Orleans. A piece of the mouthpiece broke off and caused Stephens to choke. He turned his back to Johnson, coughed up the debris, and then sought to continue. Referee Dick Cole, however, ruled that Stephens' actions indicated he was giving up. Stephens protested vehemently, but to no avail.

Ronnie Shields, Port Arthur, kayoed woefully slow Fausto Pena, Houston, with a pulverizing left hook to the short ribs midway through round seven. Shields, a junior welter is, without a doubt, Texas' top prospect. (Tony Ayala, Jr. is no longer a prospect. He's made *Ring's* top 10—world-wide.)

Anthony Releford, Fort Worth, won a widely booed six-round decision over "Rickey" Mickey Webb, Alvin, junior welters.

Ed Martin, Fort Worth, won a split decision over Reggie Watson, Houston, four rounds, lightweights. Both were making their debuts as pro.

Promoter—Lester Bedford.

Attendance—2,055.

(04-02-81)

C.A. JACKSON

VIRGINIA

▲ **RICHMOND**—Virginia Athletic Commission executive secretary Bill Brennan will retire on September 30. Brennan, 67, is a past president of the Wrold Boxing Association.

He'll be a hard man to replace.

JACKIE LEVINSON

WASHINGTON

▲ **SEATTLE**—Pinklon Thomas returned to professional ring action after a lengthy period of inactivity and knocked out Lee Mitchell, 205, Los Angeles, Calif., with a one-two combo in 1:53 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

How 2,200 fans endured the announcement of five different opponents for Thomas in the preceding week is a mystery. Don Muse, the Washington State Boxing Commissioner, fined Mitchell $2,500 for a "poor effort." Joe Levine of New York was the original promoter, but he withdrew a day before fight time, and Chuck Miller stepped in to save the card. It would have been better to postpone the promotion instead of bringing in an unknown on such short notice. The state boxing commissioners must bear the responsibilities for this performance, since they bent the rules requiring a main event fighter to appear in town seven days before a scheduled bout.

Charles LeCour, 145, Seattle, kayoed Manny Gonzales, 151, Seattle, in 0:41 of the fourth in the scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Gordy Lawson, 159¼, Vancouver, British Columbia, picked himself off the deck twice in the first round and came back to floor Joe Banks, 161, Portland, three times in the third to register a TKO at 2:51. Eddie Rogers, Snohomish, won a split decision over Jimmy Johnson, 143, Seattle, six. Rogers, who can punch as well as box, was making his first start after a two-year lay-off. Roosevelt Green, 152, Seattle, TKO'd Hudson Jackson, 154, Everett, in 1:54 of the second in the opener.

Attendance—2,200. Gross—$28,000.

(04-16-81)

RUGGLES LARSON

CANADA

QUEBEC

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena**—Fernand Marcotte, Jr., 159½, stopped Gary Coates, 156¼, Cincinnati, at 1:33 of the seventh round.

Nicky Furlano, 140, Toronto, won unanimous decision over Al Ford, 137½, Edmondton, eight.

Mario Cusson, 142½, won unanimous decision over Bill Moreno, 139¼, Chicago, eight.

Don Poole, 145½, Toronto, halted Ralph Doucette, 148½, Lowell, Mass., at 0:50 of the first round in a scheduled four.

Bobby Bland, 158½, Toronto, stopped Jim Henry, 156½, Montreal, at 2:18 of the third round in the scheduled four-round opener.

Henri Spitzer, promoter.

(04-28-81)

FRANK ALLNUTT

BRITISH COLUMBIA

▲ **NANAIMO**—James Williams, Portland, Oregon, won a unanimous decision over Jerry "Mac Truck" Reddick, 10. This broke Reddick's 12-bout win streak. The two are scheduled to meet in a rematch.

Old pro Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, came from behind to halt Gord Racett, Nanaimo, in the 10th and final round. Racette built up an early lead, only to have Young rally and floor Racette in the ninth with a right uppercut. Referee Harold Mann stopped the contest midway through the 10th with Racette on the border of exhaustion.

Johnny Herbert, Vancouver, B.C., won unanimous decision over Charles LeCour, Seattle, eight rounds, welterweights.

Laurie Mann, Prince George, stopped Rick Hodge, Seattle, lightweights.

Butch Smith, Fort Worth, Texas, stopped Rob Johnston at 2:45 of the second, lights.

Brent Racette, Port Alberni won a close decision over LeRoy James, Fiji, four rounds, heavyweights.

Lynn Ball, Texas, and Joe Wade, Bellingham, opened up the program with a three-round exhibition.

JIM JOHNSTON

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ **MEXICALI**—Rafael Nunez, 135, TKO'd Ramon Beltran, 134, in the first round. Rafael Corona, 124, TKO'd Jesus Gonzalez, 125, in five.

(04-10-81)

▲ **TIJUANA**—Rafael Gandarilla, 122, outpointed Juan Escobar, 123, 10.

(05-04-81)

CAMPECHE

▲ **ESCARCEGA**—Javier Garcia Cachon, 110, and Rodolfo Alvarado, 108, drew, eight.

(03-28-81)

CHIAPAS

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—Justo Garcia, 125, won by a disqualification over Gustavo Delgado, also 125, in seven, to win the Mexican featherweight title. Juan Herrera, 109, TKO'd Amado "Panterita" Ursua, 111, in eight. Juan Paredes, 124, knocked out Amado "Costeno" Mendoza, 125, in the fourth round. Abel Cordoba, 148, and Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, also 148, drew, 10. Jorge de Jesus, 111, stopped Gilberto "Zorrito" Morales, also 111, in six. Antonio Nava, 134, outscored "Panaderito" Ricalde, 136, 10.

(04-26-81)

COAHUILA

▲ **MONCLOVA**—Aldo Montes, 175, TKO'd Jose "Laredo" Gonzalez, 177, in four.

(04-10-81)

▲ **TORREON**—Jose Gallegos, 112, halted Jorge Jimenez, also 112, in the second. Andres "Pantera" Ramirez, 147, TKO'd Jesus Mireles, 146, in seven.

(05-08-81)

DURANGO

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO**—Romeo Sandoval, 134, TKO'd Sergio Gonales, also 134, in nine. Martin Galvan, 117, halted Carlos Yesca, 118, in two. Cesar Fernandez, 125, TKO'd Martin Armola, 126, in four.

(05-01-81)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Roberto "Lobita" Ramirez, 112, won by technical decision over Jose "Bozooquita" Zavala, 113, in seven. Filberto "Macanas" Gonzalez, 107, outpointed Miguel Reyes, 108, 10. Jesus Becerra, 114, outscored Mario Rivera, 134, six. Jose Luis Molina, 107, outscored Noel Herrera, 107, four.

(04-11-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Ladislao "Ruso" Mijangos, 174, TKO'd Manuel "Manny" Romo, 174, in four. Oscar Gomex, 118, shaded Angel Lira, 117, 10. Abel Pacheco, 122, TKO'd Victor Montero, 120, in three. Ernesto Gutierrez, 114, trimmed Emilio Sola, 113, six. Jose Luis Barbosa, 134, TKO'd Serafin Vasquez, also 134, in three.

(04-15-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Javier "Memin" Barcenas, 135, outpointed Angel Mata, also 135, 10. Rodolfo Ortega, 113, TKO'd Jose Acosta, 114, in four Javier Esquivel, 123, kayoed Roberto Martinez, 121, in the sixth round. Miguel Angel Castillo, 125, stopped Enrique Hernandez, 124, in two. Hugo Flores, 110, outscored Alvaro Mendez, 112, four.

(04-22-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Rodolfo "Dorado" Martinez, 114, and Antonio de la Paz, 116, drew, 10. Oscar "Negro" Bejinez, 117, chilled Ray "Pelon" Rodriguez, 117, in five. Marciano Nunez, 111, TKO'd Salvador Rogue, also 111, in three. Mario "Azabache" Martinez, 117, outscored Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, alos 117, 10. Francisco Ortiz, 110, TKO'd Mario Herrera, also 110, in one.

(04-25-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY—Azteca Pavilion**—Samuel Machorro, 117, outscored Freddie "Riel" Hernandez, also 117, Colombia, 10. Javier Colin, 148, won by a disqualification over Moises Mendez, 147, in seven. Elias Equihua, 174, outscored Roberto Cruz, 117, 10. Angel Ortega, 110, outpointed Miro Rosales, 111, eight. Julio Toral, 159, TKO'd Gregorio Bonilla, 158, in three.

(04-25-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Jorge Ramirez, 119, TKO'd Fred Jackson, 114, U.S.A., in two. Guillermo Miranda, 135, TKO'd Ronnie Shilds, 136, U.S.A., in six. Nicolas Herrera, 146, TKO'd Edward Green, also 146, U.S.A., in seven. Antonio Gallego, 119, TKO'd Onesimo Vilchis, 118, in three. Victor Martinez, 111, TKO'd Enrique Yala, also 111, in two. (05-02-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Juan Garcia, 135, TKO'd Felipe Rodriguez, also 135, in three. Heriberto Saavedra, 112, TKO'd Ricardo Lira, 111, in five. Agustin Vicenteno, 135, TKO'd Nicolas Mora, 135, in two. Javier Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Monalo Morales, also 117, in three. Chon Meneces, 108, outscored Aniceto Hernandez, also 108, four.

(05-06-81)

▲ **MEXICO CITY**—Eleoncio Mercedes, 113, Dominican Republic, outpointed Jose "Pepillo" Herrera, 112, 10. Juan "Monito" Diaz, 113, outscored Raul Valdez, 112, 10. Ubaldo Ramirez, 135, TKO'd Juan Sanchez, 134, in two. Rodolfo Flores, 111 TKO'd Ricardo Medina, 110, in three. Angel Vasquez, 116, and Nabor Flores, also 116, drew, four.

(05-09-81)

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Saul Mayren, 133, outpointed Jorge Morales, 132, 10. Guillermo Valencia, 125, halted Naty Echeverria, also 125, in seven.

(04-03-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Elpidio Infante, 125, stiffened Balan Torres, 126, in six, to win the Guerrero State featherweight title. Saul Linares, 121, kayoed Julio "Rubia" Avendano, 120, in five. Mucio Nava, 135, outscored Bibiano Gonzalez, also 135, eight.

(04-10-81)

▲ **ZIHUATANEJO**—"Chato" Noguera, 125, TKO'd Pedro Alonso, 124, in three.

(04-10-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Freddie Castillo, 112, outpointed Javier Lucas, also 112, 10.

(04-24-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Elpidio Infante, 125, outpointed Cenobio Nicolas, 127, 10. Unbeaten Saul Linares, 121, TKO'd Juan de la Cruz, 120, in eight.

(05-01-81)

▲ **ACAPULCO**—Eugenio "Pirata" Morgan, 116, kayoed Salvador Nava, 117, in six.

(05-08-81)

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Sergio Molina, 135, TKO'd Nacho Saucedo, 134, in eight. Felipe Garcia, 119, TKO'd Nacho Ramirez, 120, in six.

(04-24-81)

▲ **PUERTO VALLARTA**—Adolfo Madrigal, 134, outpointed Luis Armando Villalobos, 136, 10. Carlos Madrigal, 124, outscored "Duende" Lopez, also 124, 10.

(04-26-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Alfredo Martinez, 117, knocked out Raul Ramirez, also 117, in six. Martin Garcia, 111, halted Jose Luis Navarrete, 112, in four.

(05-01-81)

▲ **GUADALAJARA**—Felipe Garcia, 120, stopped Gerardo Esquivel, 124, in six.

NUEVO LEON

▲ **CADEREYTA**—Joel "Chato" Segura, 120, outpointed Julio Balnco, 119, 10. Edurdo Flores, 124, won by disqualification over Rosalio Barron, 127, in three.

(05-06-81)

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—Silvino Valencia, 128, outscored Fabian Palma, 122, 10. Gilberto Sosa, 107, outboxed Jose Moreno, 108, 10.

(04-10-81)

▲ **SALINA CRUZ**—DAvid "Maceton" Cabrera, 174, stopped Teo Cruz, 175, in three. Carlos Romero, 111, and Moises "Coneja" Vasquez, 110, tech draw in one. "Cachorro" Cruz, 109, won by disqualification over Enrique Romero, 108, in four.

(05-02-81)

SINALOA

▲ **CULIACAN**—Manuel "Topo Gigio" Vasquez, 118, TKO'd Lupe Acosta, 117, in seven. Alfredo Martinez, 119, TKO'd Celso "Estudiante" Munoz, 118, in eight. Luis Hernandez, 120, halted Pedro Zavala, also 120, in two.
(04-10-81)

SONORA

▲ **NAVOJOA**—Martin "Camaron" Castro, 124, stiffened Tony Cajeme, also 124, in two, to win the Sonora State featherweight title. Teo Dominiguez, 158, stopped Johnny Valles, 159, in one.
(05-03-81)

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **RIO BRAVO**—Felipe "Osito" Morales, 115, kayoed Jose Flores, 114, in seven. Hugo Espinoza, 124, stopped Ruperto Garcia, 125, in four.
(05-01-81)

▲ **REYNOSA**—Gil (Kid Zamorita) Castellanos, 112, outscored Miguel Angel Meza, also 112, 10. Al Pakine, 117, flattened Jesus Garcia, 118, in seven.
(05-04-81)

▲ **CIUDAD MANTE**—Johnny Hear, 147, U.S.A., kayoed Jose Duarte, also 147, in the fourth.
(05-05-81)

EDUARDO AMER G.

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▲ **CALI**—Carlos Cossio regained the Colombian lightweight crown via TKO over Eduardo Valdez in the 12th and final round.

Adalberto Guevara kayoed Julio Arboleda in the fourth round, featherweights.

Fernando Alban outscored Alfonso Romero, four, junior welters.

Pascual Silva knocked out Alvaro Romero in the ninth round, featherweights.

▲ **CARTAGENA**—Unbeaten Mario Miranda, Barranquilla, halted Ruben Valdez, featherweights. Valdez was unable to answer the bell for round six.

Amancio Castro TKO'd Sergio Alvarez in the 10th round, lightweights.

Cristobal Torres knocked out Fernando Alban, four, junior welters.

Alvaro Narvaez and Manuel Julio drew, 10, feathers.

Alfredo Gomez and Rafael Julio drew, six, flyweights.

Jose Sandoval and Jose Rodirguez drew, four, bantams.

▲ **MONTERIA**—Nicanor Camacho outpointed Manuel Saavedra, 10, junior middleweights.

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

EUROPE

European junior middleweight champion Marijan Benes' official challenger was Italian Luigi Minchillo, but a generous purse offer enticed him to Paris to make a voluntary defense against Louis Acaries (26), who had lost three of 32 starts. Benes paid dearly, leaving his title behind, losing on points over twelve rounds. Benes was amateur champion of Europe in 1973 and lost only three of his 290 contests. He visited his sister, who was living in Munich, and stayed in Germany, turning professional in 1977. Two years later, he won the European crown, beating Frenchman Gilbert Cohen. Benes made defenses against Andoni Amana, Spain, Adrie Huusen, Holland, Damiano Lassandro, Italy, and Georges Warusfel, France, before losing to Acaries. He is the third Yuguslav to rule Europe, following in the footsteps of Yvan Prebeg, 1969, and Mate Parlov, 1976. The junior middleweight division got underway in 1966 and has produced 16 champions. Louis Acaries is the fourth Frenchman to win the crown. Yolande Leveque reigned in 1966, Jacques Kechichien in 1973, and Gilbert Cohen in 1978. France has now produced 63 European champions and Paris has been the staging area for 82 European title bouts. All three officials had Acaries in front. Strangleld, Denmark, the referee, scored it 116-114, judge Bertini, Italy, 116-115, and judge, Frantzeni, Belgium, 118-117. The champion tired in the final rounds and Acaries' left jab scored the points. While Benes nursed cuts over both eyes in round 11, he took lefts and rights to the head and the referee gave him a standing count of eight.

At Pontevedra, the French heavyweight champion, Lucien Rodriquez, beat Spaniard Felipe Rodriguez, who was disqualified in round five for biting the Frenchman's shoulder, leaving his teethmarks as evidence.

At Zaragoza, former WBC junior welterweight champion Perico Fernandez, Spain, who was suspended eight months ago for kayoing the third man, made a comeback, outscoring Vincenzo Ungaro, over eight rounds.

At Vileurbanne, European junior welterweight champion, Antonio Guinaldo, Spain, held on to his crown, beating Andre Holyk, France, referee Sid Nathan, Great Britain, calling a halt in round eight after Holyk had taken a standing count.

European bantamweight champion Valerio Nati, Italy, made a successful defense, halting Vincente Rodriguez, Spain, five.

Eckhard Dagge, Germany, ex-WBC junior middleweight champion, narrowly outscored Briton George Walker over 10 rounds at Kiel before a crowd of nearly 3,000. It was Dagge's second successful comeback fight after a retirement of almost three and a half years. Cuts sustained will enforce a temporary setback for the German and it may well be next winter before he is in action again. A clash of heads in the ninth left Dagge bleeding from two cuts on his right eyebrow, one measuring six and the other one centimetre long. Kurt Halbach, the German referee who did not consider it necessary to call a halt in the ninth, said the cuts were the worst he had seen during his many years as an official. The German whose eyebrows had been cut a half a dozen times during his professional career, said these, sustained against Walker, were the worst. A large section of the crowd did not agree with the verdict and one idiot tried to attack the promoter, Wilfried Sauerland, with a chair.

French promoter and manager Gilbert Benaim died in Paris. After the war, Benaim was matchmaker at the Boulevard de Grenelle sportpalast in Paris and later at the new venue at Port de Versailles. He managed boxers like Charles Humez, Laurent Dauthuille, and Robert Charron.

AUSTRIA

▲ **EGGEBURG**—Otto Zinoder outscored Donato Romano, eight rounds, welterweights. Esperno Postl outpointed Roy Kaba. Fritz Krenslehner TKO'd Franz Hohl, three. Nazif Biberobic and Mauro Galmozzi drew, eight.
(01-30-81)

MEXICAN RATINGS (AS OF MAY 4, 1981)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Alfredo (Mongol) Ortiz
1. Jorge (Martillo) Flores
2. Fernando Montes
3. Aldo Montes
4. Jose (Laredo) Gonzalez
5. Guillermo (Memo) Vargas
6. Javier (Chavelo) Lopez
7. Azael Gutierrez
8. Juan Olvera

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: David (Maceton) Cabrera
1. Ladislao (Ruso) Mijangos
2. Elias Equihua
3. Julio Cruz
4. Rosario Gardner
5. Juan Ramon Campas
6. Roberto Cruz
7. Mario (Seco) Luna
8. Ariel Favela
9. Leno Fuentes

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Joaquin (Petrolero) Macias
1. Antonio Adame
2. Jose Mireles
3. Marcos Geraldo
4. Jose Baquedano
5. Othon Guzman
6. Andres (Pantera) Ramirez
7. Ernesto Escalante
8. Lalo Capetillo
9. Rafael Corono
10. Benny (Kid) Ibarra

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Adolfo Sanjeado
1. Antonio Leyva
2. Leonardo (Chino) Bermudez
3. Betillo Gutierrez
4. Abel Cordoba
5. Gonzalo (Raton) Montes
6. Alberto Lopez
7. David (Lenteja) Madrid
8. Adan Chavarria
9. Sergio Sanchez
10. Juan Elizondo

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Jose Luis Ramirez
1. Rafael Nunez
2. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta
3. Benjamin Abarca
4. Othoniel Lopez
5. Ramon Peraza
6. Felipe Urquiza
7. Cayetano Correa
8. Raul (Zurdo) Molina
9. Vincente Mijares
10. Jose Luis Tapia

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Justo Garcia
1. Gustavo Salgado
2. Sixto Castillo
3. Joaquin Acuna
4. Juan Paredes
5. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales
6. Elpidio Infante
7. Cenobio Nicolas
8. Roque Montoya
9. Marcos Villasana
10. Luis (Puma) Fuentes

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Norberto Cabrera
1. Jorge Ramirez
2. Paulino Canche
3. Oscar (Negro) Bejinez
4. Raymundo (Pelon) Rodriguez
5. Francisco (Kiko) Bejinez
6. Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada
7. Antonio de la Paz
8. Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez
9. Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez
10. Fabian Palma

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Jose Gallegos
1. Raul Valdez
2. Gabriel Bernal
3. Freddie Castillo
4. Jose (Pepillo) Herrera
5. Juan Herrera
6. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez
7. Luis (Pajarito) Aguilar
8. Victor Salcedo
9. Roberto (Lobita) Ramirez
10. Baldomero Santos

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: German Torres
1. Lupe Madera
2. Candido Tellez
3. Arturo Tebaqui
4. Miguel (Pulgarcito) Leal
5. Javier Lucas
6. Amado (Pantera) Ursua
7. Luis Enrique Garcia
8. Rafael Guerra
9. Jorge Manuel Vera
10. Ricardo (Finito) Lopez

BELGIUM

▲ **IXELLES**—Mary Konate TKO'd Abdel Qissi, three, heavyweights.
(1-31-81)

▲ **LIEGE**—Juan Marc Renard outpointed Claude Kessaci, six, featherweights. Dominique Fortemps outscored Georges Lemmer, six, junior middles. Gilles Elbilis outpointed Jean Simos, eight, welterweights.
(01-31-81)

▲ **LEUVEN**—Alex Beynaerts outscored Daniel Demeyere, six, welters.
(02-23-81)

▲ **SINT NIKLAAS**—Win De Gruyter outscored Mohammed Arras, six, middleweights. Andre Blanco outpointed Claude Kessaci, six, lights.
(02-27-81)

▲ **ETTERBEEK**—Al Syben outpointed Pierre Kabasu, 10, heavyweights. Dragan Popovic outscored Marco Ventolgliano, six. Jean Marc Renard outpointed Haidar Nourredine, six, featherweights.
(02-28-81)

DENMARK

▲ **COPENHAGEN**—World junior middleweight champion Ayub Kalule outscored American Pat Hallacy, 10, non-title. Kalule did not impress those in the venue.

European welter champ Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, made hard work of his non-title bout with Papo Villa, Puerto Rico. Hansen won the eight-rounder on points. He's 37—two years older than Villa.

Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, outscored Joey Mack, Great Britain, eight, welterweights.

John Odhiambo, Uganda, TKO'd Juan Scassino Ferreira, Uruguay, in the third round, light heavyweights.

Steve Muchoki, Kenya, outscored Mariano Garcia, Spain, eight, featherweights.

Mike Irungu, Kenya, outpointed Juan Francisco Rodriguez, Spain, eight, bantamweights.

Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, outpointed David Conteh, U.S.A., eight, light heavies.
(03-03-81)

FRANCE

▲ **BOULOGNE**—Alain le Fol won the French junior lightweight crown, outscoring Maurice Fico, 12.

▲ **PARIS**—Former world amateur champion Ace Rusevski, Yugoslavia, a southpaw, made his pro debut by stopping Jean Michel Iger, France, in the fourth round, junior welters.
(03-06-81)

▲ **VILLEURBANNE**—European junior welterweight champion Antonio Guinaldo, Spain, retained his crown by stopping Andre Holyk, France, in the eighth session.
(03-13-81)

▲ **CHALONS**—Daniel Londas outpointed George Sutton, Wales, eight.
(03-13-81)

▲ **DUNKIRK**—Former European junior welterweight champion Jo Kimpuani TKO'd Bechir Boundka, Tunis, in the fifth. Dan M'Putu outpointed Charles Jurietti, eight. Fred Coranson outscored Thierry Samo, eight.
(03-07-81)

▲ **PARIS**—A crowd of 4,000 saw local matador Louis Acaries win the European junior middleweight title by outscoring Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, 12.

Jean Marie Emebe, France, TKO'd Agamil Yilderim, Berlin-based Turk, in the ninth round, middles.

Alain Watbled, France, TKO'd 38-year-old Avenamar Peralta, Spain, in the second round. Cuts forced the stoppage of the contest.
(03-19-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Hocine Tafer TKO'd Carlton Benoit, five, light heavyweights. Lucien Rodriguez TKO'd Bob Hennessey, three, heavies. Pierre Frank Winterstein TKO'd Fefe Osana, three, middleweights. Mourad Ferguen outpointed Maurice Renaud, six. Dominique Delorme outscored Sidi Tradre, six.
(01-29-81)

▲ **MARSEILLES**—Richard Caramanolis outscored Robert Desnouck, eight, light heavyweights.
(01-30-81)

▲ **CHATEAUNEUF SUR LOIRE**—Philippe Martin TKO'd Robert Van Rompaye in the fourth.
(01-31-81)

▲ **COMPIEGNE**—Jacques Chinon and Andre Mongelema drew, eight, middleweights. Laurent Grimbert TKO'd Jean Jacques Souris, eight, featherweights. Antonio Secci outscored Patrick Vauchel, six, lightweights.
(01-31-81)

▲ **ST. ETIENNE**—Giovanni Martorina outscored Eugene Dovin, six, middleweights. Jean Jacques Benchetrit outpointed Jean Marie Touati, eight rounds, junior middles.
(02-07-81)

▲ **NOISY LE GRAND**—Stephane Ferrara outscored Serge Sinelnikov, six, middleweights. Michel Mionard and Maurice Renaud drew, six.
(02-21-81)

▲ **CALAIS**—Andre Mongelena TKO'd Michele Pagani, four, middles.
(02-21-81)

▲ **SALLANCHES**—Antoine Montero outscored Luigi Paravati, six, flyweights.
(02-21-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Georges Warusfel outpointed Jose Hernandez, eight, junior middles.
(02-24-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Lucien Rodriguez TKO'd Ali Lusaka, four, heavyweights. Dominique Delorne TKO'd Pol Payen, two, middleweights. Paul Tchque TKO'd Gerard Lagasse, two. Mary Konate TKO'd Jacob Tchantchuing, one, heavyweights. Daniel Londas TKO'd Antonio Secci, three, junior lights.
(02-26-81)

▲ **MELIN**—Jean Luc Lamy TKO'd Bader Oukhai, four, middleweights.
(02-28-81)

▲ **PARIS**—Robert Dormoy won by a disqualification over Mohamed Ghaby, three, welters. Soumailia Doumbia outscored Christian Chesini, six, middles.
(03-01-81)

▲ **DUNKIRK**—Chris Sanigar TKO'd Dan M'Putu, four.
(04-04-81)

GERMANY

▲ **RENGSDORF**—Germany heavyweight champion Uwe Meinke outpointed Josef Klossmann, eight. Klaus Hein outscored Horst Schulz, six. Hans Gimhorn TKO'd Hansi Michel, two.
(03-22-81)

▲ **KIEL**—Former WBC junior middleweight champion Eckhard Dagge outscored George Walker, Great Britain, 10.
(04-10-81)

ITALY

▲ **PISA**—Bruno Simiti outscored Francesco Gallo, eight, light welterweights.
(01-29-81)

▲ **CHIAVARI**—Giuseppe La Vite outpointed Josias Dal Silva, eight.
(02-03-81)

▲ **PIANCENZA**—Aldo Buzzetti TKO'd Gabriele Lazzari, seven, light heavyweights.
(02-07-81)

▲ **ROME**—Nicola Cirelli kayoed Carl Crowley, one, middles. Angelo Bizzaro and Mario Tiani drew, eight, junior lights. Filberto Zacheo TKO'd Giuseppe Semilia, two, light middles.
(02-09-81)

▲ **CAGLIARI**—Franco Aresti outscored Antonio Toresello, eight, welterweights. Roberto Serrelli TKO'd Corrado Infanti, five, bantams. Antonio Stocchino outpointed Benedicto Dos Santos, six, light middleweights. Giuseppe Tiddu kayoed Giulio Ambrosio, two, light welterweights.
(02-13-81)

▲ **GROSSETO**—Sandro Scapecchi outscored Carlo Frassinetti, eight, lightweights.
(02-03-81)

▲ **MODENA**—Luigi Marini outpointed Ernesto Ros, eight, light middleweights. Bechir Jelassi and Emiliano De Souza, drew, eight, light welters.
(02-13-81)

▲ **SASSARI**—Valerio Nati outscored Dominique Casari, eight, bantamweights.
(02-14-81)

▲ **VITTORIA**—Salvatore Melluzzo TKO'd Luigi Tessarin, 11 (Italian featherweight title).
(02-14-81)

▲ **GORIZIA**—Sebastiano Sotgia kayoed Luaka Mkenkele, one, lightweights. Marzio Baseotto and Claudio Pereira drew, six, welterweights.
(02-14-81)

▲ **FIRENZE**—Gaetano Ardito TKO'd Fefe Mobama, five, middleweights. Giuseppe Fossati TKO'd Claudio Tanda, six, bantamweights. Cosimo Lavino outscored Franco Siddu, eight, junior lights.
(02-19-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Pellegrino Ventrone outpointed Charles Handry, eight, lightweights. Nello Jovino outscored Gennaro Vicini, six, junior lights.
(02-19-81)

▲ **FAENZA**—Cristiano Cavina outpointed Manuel Lira, eight, light heavies. Louis Stecca TKO'd Andrea Ricci, four, featherweights.
(02-20-81)

▲ **NAPLES**—Nino La Rocca kayoed Gomez Landero, four, welterweights. Alfredo Raininger outscored Mario Molina, eight, junior lightweights. Cosimo Funto outpointed Justin M'Fondi, six, middleweights. Pasquale Zampano outscored Raimondo Riccio, six, light welters.
(02-20-81)

▲ **CECINA**—Michele Siracusa outpointed Marco Gallo, eight, featherweights.
(02-20-81)

▲ **CREVALCORE**—Claudio Cassanelli outpointed Helmut Owessle, six, heavyweights.
(02-21-81)

▲ **ROBBIATE**—Giorgio Pippia outscored Fabrizio Saraullo, six, junior lights.
(02-21-81)

▲ **ROME**—Patrizio Oliva outscored Georges Cotin, six, light welterweights. Pasquate Mazza and Bou Ale Kamel drew, six, feathers.
(02-23-81)

▲ **MANTOVA**—Pierangelo Pira TKO'd Giuseppe Di Padova, eight (Italian welterweight title). Donato Romano and Maurizio Da Cruz drew, six, light middleweights.
(02-27-81)

▲ **LATINA**—Corrado Sortino TKO'd Giovanni Bovenzi, three, light middles. Luigi Esposito outscored Benedicto Dos Santos, six. Filiberto Zaccheo and Claudio Pereira drew, six, welterweights.
(02-28-81)

▲ **CONEGLIANO VENETO**—Ernesto Ros outscored Maurizio Da Cruz, eight, light middleweights. Pietro Andrian kayoed Antonio Toniol, one, featherweights. Aldo Polesel and Henry Krapez drew, six, middles.
(02-28-81)

▲ **SAN DONA DE PIAVE**—Marzio Baseotto knocked out Josias Da Silva, one, light middleweights.
(02-28-81)

▲ **MILAN**—Patrizio Oliva TKO'd Mimoun Mohatar, four, light welters. Nino La Rocca kayoed Yvor Segor, four, light middles. Richard Sake TKO'd Nello Jovino, four, featherweights.
(03-06-81)

▲ **VALDARNO**—Romano Mugnai outscored Mario De Prosperis, eight, bantams.
(03-06-81)

▲ **LIDO DI ROMA**—Robert D'Elia outscored Giuseppe Agate, six, lightweights. Vincenzo Di Bari outpointed Lillo Lanzelotto, six, feathers. Sesto Pomponi outscored Joe Messa, six, junior welters.
(03-07-81)

▲ **ROME**—Sumbu Kalambay TKO'd Cosimo Carbone, three, junior middleweights. Bou Ali Kamel TKO'd Michele Siracusa, five, feathers.
(03-09-81)

▲ **PESARO**—Daniele Laghi outscored Rinaldo Pellizzari, eight, heavyweights. Marcello Paciullo outpointed Jose Cento, six, light heavyweights. Nazario Mariotti TKO'd Aldo Polesel, four, junior middles. Mario Tiano TKO'd Umberto Pipia, six, junior lights.
(03-13-81)

▲ **PORTO RECANATI**—Luigi Marini outpointed Claude Pereira, eight, junior middleweights.
(03-13-81)

▲ **PORDENONE**—Luigi Minchillo kayoed Kenny Webber, five, junior middleweights. Luciano Bomben and Maurizio Da Cruz drew, six, middleweights. Mario Baseotto outpointed Mauro Da Cruz, six, welterweights.
(03-14-81)

▲ **AQUILA**—Lardij Moidi outscored Fabrizio Saraullo, six, junior lightweights. David Seomoynyu outpointed Giuseppe Spadaccini, six, welters.
(03-14-81)

▲ **CAMAIORE**—Giovanni Vitillo outscored Giuseppe Agate, six, junior welterweights. Jose Luis Ribero and Mosino drew, six, welters.
(03-20-81)

▲ **NAPLES**—Patrizio Oliva outscored Luigi Curcetti, eight, junior welters. Alfredo Raininger TKO'd Natale Caredda, four, junior lights. Ciro De Leva outpointed Francisco Garcia, six, flyweights.
(03-20-81)

▲ **ANCONA**—Ali Kalambay outscored Giovanni Martorina, six, middleweights. Walter Cevoli outpointed Gabriele Lazzari, six, light heavies. Meda Mudimbi kayoed Maurice Repant, two. Loris Stecca TKO'd Ante Mammutovic, three, featherweights.
(03-20-81)

▲ **ROME**—Nino La Rocca TKO'd Vincenzo Ungaro, two, junior middleweights. Ali Ben Saad TKO'd Benedetto Gravina, three. Jeff Passera TKO'd Alfonso Carrillo, three, welters.
(03-23-81)

▲ **LUCCA**—Luigi De Rosa won the Italian junior lightweight crown with a 10th round TKO over defending champion Alessandro Nardi. Battista Calvia outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, six, featherweights. Mases Samba outscored Antino Tesione, six, light heavies. Salvatore Liscapade outpointed Abase Macauley, eight, junior lightweights. Joseph Seky Sambu TKO'd Gerard Scognamiglio, five.
(03-25-81)

▲ **BRINDISI**—Cosimo Funto knocked out Clemente Gessi, two, middleweights. Lorenzo Paciullo outscored Martin Antik, six, feathers.
(03-27-81)

▲ **CECINA**—Claudio Trane outpointed Alessandro Casanova, eight, heavyweights.
(03-27-81)

▲ **LIDO DI ROMA**—Lillo Lanzellotto outscored Antonio Pocai, six, lightweights. Roberto D'Elia outpointed Rocco Frasca, six, junior welters.
(03-28-81)

LUXEMBOURG

▲ **DIFFERDINGEN**—Fred Serres outscored Avenamar Peralta, Spain, 10, heavyweights. Clemente Zshinzo, Zaire, outpointed Antonio Casado, Spain, 10, welters.

The program was supported by eight amateur bouts, with promoter Kamile Krib's son beating David Attan in one of the contests.
(02-27-81)

NETHERLANDS

▲ **ROTTERDAM—Sportpalast**—Local Alex Blanchard outscored Jose Lozano, Spain, eight, middleweights. A hook to the liver had Lozano in trouble in round two. Blanchard, a kilo overweight, forfeited $225 of the purse money.

Cor Eversteyn outpointed Boziani, France, welters. Hubert Zimmermann stopped Drago Umicevitch, Yugoslavia, in 0:23 of round one. Jackie Turner, Great Britain, halted Anton Verrips, who retired with a cut eyebrow in round five.

Attendance—1,300.
(03-02-81)

▲ **HAAG**—Alex Blanchard knocked out Earl Edwards, Great Britain, in the fifth round. Blanchard is still undefeated.

Cor Eversteyn outpointed Archie Salmon, Great Britain, eight. Terry McKeown and Roy Somer drew, six, featherweights. Cor Eversteyn outpointed Archie Salmon, six.
(03-15-81)

SPAIN

▲ **ZARAGOZA**—Former WBC junior welterweight champion Perico Fernandez outpointed Vincenzo Ungaro, eight.
(02-28-81)

▲ **ELBAR**—Adoni Amana, Spain, outscored Clemente Tshinza, eight.
(03-01-81)

SWITZERLAND

▲ **BERN**—Jimmy Connelly, 22, won his 12th contest (two draws), outscoring former European welter champion Josef Pachler, Austria, eight. Connelly's father is American; his mother Swiss.

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **LONDON—Wembley Arena**—Former world middleweight champion Alan Minter, 161, came back after a six-month absence to outpoint American Ernie Singletary, 159, by the overwhelming margin of 100-95½ over 10.

This scoreline indicated that referee Roland Dakin had given the American only the share of one round, but no one could deny Singletary's willingness to try and make a fight of it.

It was Minter's first contest since losing his world title to Marvin Hagler, and rarely can he have boxed better. His performance was both confident and relaxed, and, after a good opening session by Singletary (his best round), Minter assumed complete control.

The opening round was probably the one the referee called even, and the American deserved at least that for his aggression. He had Minter backing up, and the latter's face was red from the jabs he had taken.

However, that was the end of Singletary's short-lived supremacy, and from round two Minter took over. It was the American's turn to back up now, and he was shaken by a left cross in the second.

There was an incident in round four when it appeared that Board of Control chief medical man Dr. Adrian Whiteson wasn't satisfied with the medication that the American corner was using. He climbed on to the ring apron to get a closer look.

The Americans didn't take kindly to this, and there was a bit of pushing and shoving.

Singletary got slower as the fight progressed, and resorted to frequent holding, Minter appealing to the referee. The Britisher kept up the hot pace, and when the bell rang for the start of round six, Ernie remained on his stool.

The fans booed, as they thought he had quit, but his cornerman pushed him out, the referee waved Minter forward, and Singletary dropped his gumshield, having to complete the round without it.

Yet, Singletary continued to fight back, with Minter seemingly in no urgency to try and stop his man. Alan kept both hands firing away, and the American, although weary, put in an aggressive spell in the early part of the final round. Then it was back to normal, with Minter dictating.

A courageous display by Singletary, acknowledged by Minter, who said afterwards, "He was a hard opponent, and took my best punches well. During the six months I was out of the ring, I had a rethink about everything, and made up my mind not to make the same mistake that I made against Hagler—namely going in and having a fight. So I changed my tactics, and was very happy with my performance."

European heavyweight champion John L. Gardner, 207, "kayoed" Puerto Rican Osvaldo Ocasio, 215½, early in round six. The latter went down from what seemed the lightest of punches, and stayed on one knee as the count was completed.

He afterwards claimed to have been suffering from bronchitis, in which case he shouldn't have been boxing at all.

Yet, Ocasio was all aggression in the early rounds, looking a lively opponent, his left hook being particularly impressive. Gardner looked anything but happy during this period, and was bleeding from the nose.

Then, in the fourth, Gardner started putting his punches together, and, gaining in confidence, took the fight to Ocasio, who didn't relish being on the receiving end.

Gardner continued to score with both hands in round five, but no one could have anticipated what would happen at the start of round six. Ocasio was slow to come out of his corner, was caught by a left jab, went down in a state of collapse, and was counted out by referee Harry Gibbs.

The fans booed, for the punch looked innocuous. But this was not Gardner's fault, and the latter deserves credit for his recovery after an uncertain start.

Gardner now wants a match with world champion Larry Holmes.

European and Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Sibson, 161¾, outpointed substitute Andre Mongelema, Zaire, 162, by 99½-97 over 10.

Little excitement in this one, with Sibson seemingly content to win without trying too hard to stop his man after the frustration of having to do all the chasing.

Southpaw Andre at times earned applause for his clever defensive work, but that alone does not win fights, and, when Sibson could get close enough, he was obviously the harder puncher.

Former British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten, 155, won every round in outscoring ringwise Billy Waith, a clever Welshman who came in as a substitute and put up the competent defensive performance that we have come to expect from him.

Batten kept punching away with both hands, whereas Waith, again as usual, boxed only in spasms.

Mark Keyworth, West Ham, 162, outpointed Peter Bassey, Manchester 159½, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Rudi Pika, Cardiff, 202¼, was another who didn't lose a round, outscoring Ricky James, Rugby, 196, over six by 60-58. It was Pika's fourth win in a row; and he's only 18.
(03-17-81)

▲ **LONDON — Wembley — Conference Centre** — SUPPORTS TO JONES vs. HARRIS: Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 126½, beat Italian champion Marco Gallo, 126½, the bout being stopped in round two when the latter's left eye was almost closed and his left cheek cut.

Gallo was plucky enough, but was being outpunched.

Earl Edwards, Clapham, 159¼, won the vacant Southern Area middleweight title by beating Dave Armstrong, Hackney, 159, the stoppage coming in round two after the latter had been cut by the left eye.

Edwards was on the receiving end in the opening session, but survived. It was the same pattern at the start of round two, but Armstrong couldn't put his man down, and Edwards grimly fought back. It was now Armstrong's turn to take a bit of punishment.

The injury looked as if it happened after a clash of heads, which was hard luck on Armstrong. It was anybody's fight up to that stage.

Colin Derrick, Bethnal Green, 146½, halted Terry Welsh, Liverpool, 143, at 0:58 of the opening session. Welsh was driven across the ring into his own corner, where he fell on his side by the ropes from a two-handed attack.

The referee did not take up the count, just stopped the fight. Derrick's harder punching was too much for his opponent.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 117½, beat George Bailey, Bradford, 118, the bout being stopped at the end of round six after the latter was bleeding from the nose and was on the receiving end.

Austin Owens, Reading, 126¼, defeated Jim McKeown, Barrhead, 127¼, who retired at the end of round four after being hurt by a left to the body as the bell ended the session.

Steve Davies, Pembroke, 159, beat Steve Buttle, Basingstoke, 159¼, the referee intervening after Buttle had been decked in round five. It was Buttle's first defeat.
(03-03-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club**—David Pearce, Newport, 198, outpointed Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 184, over eight by 79½-78½ to confirm a previous win.

Not a good fight to watch, too much misuse of the head and ducking low. In round four, they both went through the ropes, and McKenzie was twice decked in the following session.

Pearce bled profusely from the nose, and McKenzie was down twice in the final round—once from a push and once when he pulled Pearce down with him. Then came another push, with Bonny staying down for seven.

Colin Wake, Hull, 140, outscored Dave Taylor, Bootle, 141, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Steve Pollard, Hull, 130, beat Bryn Jones, Swansea, 130½, the bout being stopped in round five when Jones was cut on the left eyebrow.

After a year's inactivity, Peter Gorny, Croydon, 162½, outpointed Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 162½, over six by 59-58.
(03-02-81)

▲ **BRIGHTON—Corn Exchange**—Tim Moloney, Brighton, 137, outpointed Duncan Hamilton, 137, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. But Hamilton's contribution was much more than the scoreline suggests, and he was handicapped by a cut near the right eye.

Paul Huggins, Hastings, 122, kept his unbeaten record by halting Peter Gabbitus at 0:34 of the opening round.

Former Irish amateur champion Ritchie Foster, Dublin, 127, outpointed Peter Ewebanks, Brighton, 135, over six by 59½-58½.

Ben Lawlor, Irish-born but living in Norbury, 177, beat Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 177, the bout being stopped in round two with the latter taking punishment.

Mark West, Brighton, 119, outscored Pat Mallon, Glasgow, 122, over six by 60-57, not losing a round. A good performance by West, inactive for nearly a year because of a nose injury.

Roger Ryder, Bournemouth, 153; kayoed Ian Baker, Brighton, in round two with a right.
(03-03-81)

▲ **PUDSEY—Civic Center**—Alan Mann, Lochaber, 141, made a sensational debut by knocking out Ronnie Rathbone, Maltby, 147, in 1:35 of the opening round. A left hook to the body did the trick, and there was a delay before Rathbone was able to leave the ring.

Paul Heatley, Manchester, 174½, made amends for a previous defeat by outpointing Joe Dean, Huddersfield, 171, over six by a narrow 59-58½ margin.

Steve Tempro, Leicester, 138, didn't lose a round in outscoring Derek Groake, Warrington, 133, by 60-58 over six.

Peter Phillips, Dinnington, 139, beat Mickael Dunlop, Fort William, 142, the bout being stopped in the fourth and final round with Dunlop sustaining a cut mouth.

Steve Farnsworth, Sheffield, 128, narrowly outscored Ian Murray, Manchester, 123, by 59½-59 over six.
(03-03-81)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Grafton Ballroom**—Tony Sinnott, Liverpool, 147, narrowly defeated Les Wint, Tottenham, 148, by 79-78½ over eight. Wint was marked under both eyes, and Sinnott was afterwards x-rayed for possible damage to both hands. The latter was grazed under the right eye.

Sinnott probably just deserved to win because of his accurate counter-punching against an aggressive opponent.

Jimmy Bunclark, Liverpool, 133, comfortably outscored Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 138, over six by 59½-58. Christie was cut by the left eye in round one.

Ricky Grant, Liverpool, 152, impressed in his debut, beating Peter Sullivan, Plymouth, 154. The bout was stopped in round three after the latter had been down twice.
(03-05-81)

▲ **LONDON—Anglo-American Sporting Club**—Current ratings went out of the window when Bob Young, Croydon, 202, ranked 26, beat Andy Palmer, Liverpool, 207, number 11 in the heavyweights, with Palmer on his back in round two and the referee not bothering to count.

A free-swinging affair, with Palmer caught by a right hand in the opening session and seemingly lucky to survive until the end of the round. Having done so, he was again shaken by another right swing and driven to the ropes, where a left swing finished him off.

Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 138, outpointed Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 140, over eight in an exciting contest. A narrow win, scoreline 78½-78, with deserved nobbins of £74 thrown into the ring.

A lot of needle developed, producing fouls for which they were warned by the referee, and defense was abandoned as they slugged it out.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (Great Britain)
1. Lucien Rodriguez (France)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
3. Sylvain Watbled (France)
4. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
6. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
7. Giovanni De Luca (Italy)
8. Bernd August (Germany)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. George Butzbach (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
3. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Avenamar Peralta (Spain)
6. Dennis Andries (Belgium)
7. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
8. Shaun Chalcraft (Great Britain)
9. Christian Cavina (Italy)
10. Karl Canwell (Great Britain)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Alan Minter (Great Britain)
2. George Steinherr (Germany)
3. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
4. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Adoni Amana (Spain)
6. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
7. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
8. Pierre Joly (France)
9. Jose Lozano (Spain)
10. Eddie Burke (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Louis Acaries (France)
1. Maurice Hope (Great Britain)
2. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
3. Pat Thomas (Great Britain)
4. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
5. Luigi Michillo (Italy)
6. Steve Hopkin (Great Britain)
7. Dave (Boy) Green (Great Britain)
8. Eckhard Dagge (Germany)
9. George Warusfel (France)
10. Jose Hernandez (Spain)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jorgen Hanse (Denmark)
1. Hans Hendrik Palm (Denmark)
2. Colin Jones (Great Britain)
3. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
4. Piere Angelo Piras (Italy)
5. Richard Rodriguez (Spain)
6. Roger Zenon (France)
7. Alois Carmeliet (Belgium)
8. Fred Coranson (France)
9. Salvatore Cascio (Italy)
10. Claude Lancastre (France)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
1. Jo Kimpuani (France)
2. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
3. Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
4. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
5. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
6. Steve Early (Great Britain)
7. Ken Buchanan (Great Britain)
8. Christian Gracia (France)
9. Andre Holyk (France)
10. Luciano Navarra (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
1. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
2. Francois Leon (Spain)
3. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
4. George Feeney (Great Britain)
5. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
6. Dave McCabe (Great Britain)
7. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
8. Dave Williams (Great Britain)
9. Winston Spencer (Great Britain)
10. Manuel Velasquez (Spain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
3. Carlos Miguel Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Aristide Pizzo (Italy)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
6. Roman Marichal (Spain)
7. Alessandro Nardi (Italy)
8. Natale Vezzoli (Italy)
9. Maurice Apeang (France)
10. Isido Cabeza (Spain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
2. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
3. Manuel Masso (Spain)
4. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
5. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Alfredo Mulas (Italy)
8. Michele Siracuse (Italy)
9. Marco Gallo (Italy)
10. Potito Di Muro (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Valerio Nati (Italy)
1. John Feeney (Great Britain)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (Spain)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Gary Nickels (Great Britain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquin (Spain)
10. Giovanni Pasca (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Manuel Carrasco (Spain)
3. Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
4. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
5. Sabatino De Filippo (Italy)
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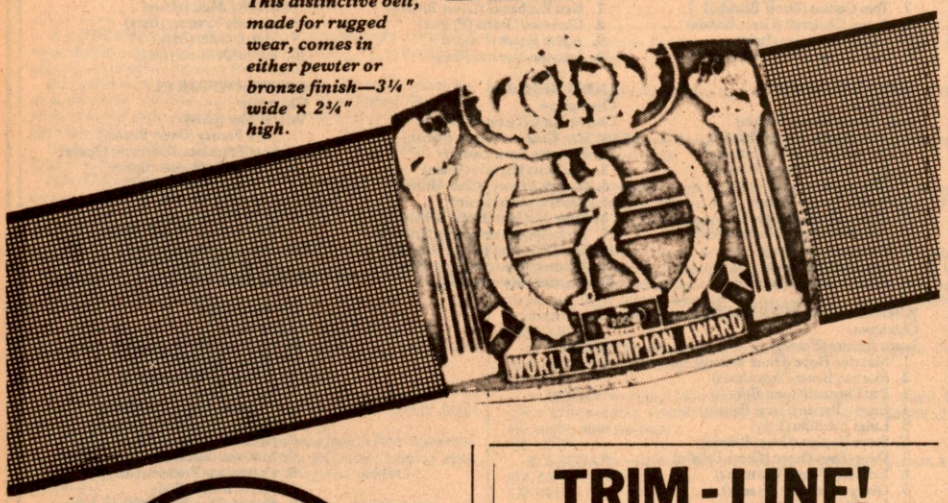

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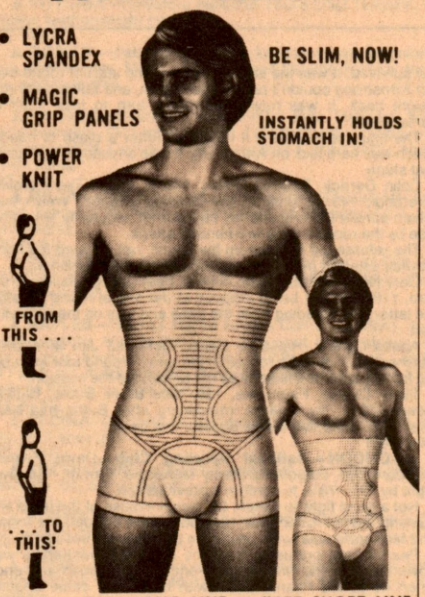

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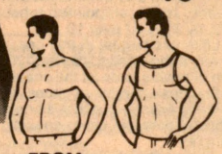

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There were displays of temper on both sides. Rhodes bled from the nose, and was decked in round six, but he came back to floor his man in the eighth, and Brown ran out of steam in the closing stages.

Lance Williams, Manchester, 137, defeated Walter Clayton, Sheffield, 140, the referee intervening in round five after Clayton had been decked twice.

Paul Bussette, Willesden, 176¼, outpointed debutant Marshall Frederick, Basildon, 175, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.
(03-09-81)

▲ **COPTHORNE—International Sporting Club—**This was former world middleweight champion Alan Minter's and his manager, Doug Bidwell's first show at this newly-formed club, and, in the top-liner, Barry Price, Brighton, 138, drew with Alan Cooper, 138, also from Brighton, over eight.

Not a very enthralling contest to watch, and the fans reacted accordingly.

Jimmy Cable, Orpington, 154, outscored Steve Henty, Brighton, 150, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. The latter was down in round four. Both suffered eye injuries.

Three times on the canvas, Derrick Paul, Balham, 130, got up to outpoint Delroy Pearce, Tottenham, 130, over six by 59-58½, but the latter seemed a little unlucky not to get at least a draw.

Frank McCord, Swansea, 149, outscored Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 150, over six by 59½-58½. Smith was decked with a right hand in round five.

Gary Kittle, Cranleigh, 129½, narrowly outscored Wayne Williams, Merthyr, 122, over four by 39½-39, taking full advantage of his superior weight. The bout was reduced from a scheduled six because of the big difference in poundage.
(03-09-81)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Tom Collins, Leeds, 173, outpointed Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, 174, over 10 by 98½-97½, in an official eliminator for the British light heavyweight title.

Collins gave a confident performance, overcame the handicap of a cut on the right eyebrow sustained in the first round, and was the more accurate puncher. Canwell finished strongly, with a toe-to-toe final round, but the verdict was a fair one.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 128, drew with Carl Cleasby, Pudsey, over six.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 133, narrowly outpointed Eddie Glass, West Hartlepool, 130, over six by 59-58½.
(03-09-81)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall—**British featherweight champion Pat Cowdell, 125¼, beat substitute Modesto Gomez, Spain, 128, the bout being stopped in round five to save him from further punishment.

Both bled from the nose, but there was a difference in class, and although Gomez was still on his feet, he had no chance when Cowdell opened up.

Tommy Taylor, Hednesford, 176½, made it seven wins in a row by knocking out Harry White, Kettering, 177, in round five.

White afterwards announced his retirement from boxing, and left the ring to generous applause.

Mickey Baker, Worcester, 139, gave a fine performance to outscore Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 137, over eight by 80-76, winning every round.

Snagg was shaken twice in the opening round, but made a good recovery in spite of being marked near both his eyes. Baker was aggressive throughout, and gave his opponent little chance to get into the fight.

John Humphreys, Telford, 163, kept his unbeaten record by comfortably outpointing Willie Wright, Birmingham, 159, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

It's not often a referee has to call for more action in the opening round, but this request produced the perfect answer from Al Stevens, Birmingham, 171, who decked Dave Turner, Liverpool, 176, twice before the bout was stopped. All this in just 0:57.

Dave Goodwin, Liverpool, 147½, drew with Dennis Sheehan, Nottingham, 148, over six. An excellent fight.

▲ **HAMILTON—Town Hall—**Scottish light middleweight champion Charlie Malarkey, 152, outpointed Achille Mitchell, Coventry, over eight by 79½-78.

A good scrap, with honors even in the early stages, and Malarkey putting in a storming finish after Mitchell had been cut by the left eye in round five.

Scottish light welter champ George Peacock, 142, beat Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 141, the referee intervening in round seven. Nelson took a right hook to the body in round two which shook him, and from then on it was mainly one-way traffic.

Nelson was still on his feet, but was taking punishment without replaying when the stoppage came.

Willie Booth, Airdrie, 138, was taken all the way in outpointing Norman Morton, Newcastle, 139, by 79½-78½ over eight.

A gruelling encounter, with a swelling by Booth's right eye in round three, and Morton down for three in the same session. The latter tried hard and looked good in the last couple of rounds, but failed to make up the leeway.

Charlie Douglas, Larkhall, 150, outscored Phil Gibson, Hartlepool, 152, over eight by 79½-78. The scoreline looked closer, but Douglas can be well pleased, as it was his first win in six contests.

John Rafferty, Glasgow, beat Mick Fellingham, Greenock, who retired at the end of round five with an eye injury after being decked twice. The exact weights were not announced in this heavyweight contest.

Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 138, didn't lose a round in outpointing Billy Laidman, Greenock, 138, by 60-58½ over six.

▲ **SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club—**Kelvin Smart, Caerphilly, 116, outpointed Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 116, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. It brought Smart's unbeaten run to 12.

McLaughlin looked in trouble from right hands in the first two rounds, but his greater experience saw him through to the end.

Substitute Billy Waith, 148¼, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 149, over eight by 79-78.

Waith coasted through this one, winning without ever having to extend himself.

Steve Gee, Birmingham, 198½, outscored Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 210, by the narrow margin of 78½-78 over eight.

Paddy Maguire, Birmingham, 125, made up for a previous defeat by outpointing Sean Fitzgerald, Bedworth, 124, over six by 59½-58.

Dave Fisher, Nuneaton, 135, drew with Ray Smyth, Birmingham, 138, over four.

▲ **BURSLEM—Adulte Ballroom—**Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 125½, won the vacant Midlands Area featherweight title by knocking out Steve Topliss, Melbourne, 124, in round three with a right to the jaw.

Gerry McGrath, Paddington, 148, narrowly outscored Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 151½, over six by 59-58½. McGrath was decked in the final session.

Larry Richards, Leicester, 127, beat Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 129, the bout being stopped in round four when Gaynor had sustained a cut eyelid. Both had been down briefly earlier in the round.

Lee Roy, Burslem, 147, drew with Nick Riozzi, Leicester, 146, over four. The latter was down briefly in the opening session.
(03-11-81)

▲ **EVESHAM—Sporting Club—**Mike Clemow, Camborne, 146, outpointed Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 149, over eight by 79-78. The fans enjoyed this one, and tossed in nobbins.

Clemow was down in round four, but recovered well, and was good value for his win.

Cliff Curtis, Swindon, 163, outpointed Neville Wilson, Wolverhampton, 166½, over six by 60-59, not losing a round. A sparkling bout to watch.

Dave Sullivan, Plymouth, 143, outscored John Wiggins, Nottingham, 147½, by the narrow margin of 59½-59 over six. Sullivan was down briefly in round three from a right hand.

Nobbins followed the crowd-pleaser in which Julian Boustead, Torquay, 143, beat Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 139½, the referee intervening in round five with Beard taking punishment.

An unusual but nice gesture by Boustead—he donated his purse to a Home for Handicapped Children.

Roger Ryder, Swindon, 153½, drew with Errol Dennis, Wolverhampton, 148½, over six.
(03-11-81)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Welshman David Pearce, 182, kayoed Larry McDonald, Tottenham, 234, in round three. It was the latter's first defeat.

McDonald had advantages in height and reach, but failed to make use of them. Pearce had been down for nine.

John Joseph, Hayes, 168, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Ray (brother of David) Pearce, 166, the bout being stopped in round four when Pearce walked to his corner complaining of an injured left shoulder.

Pearce had been down in round three, and Joseph was well in command.

Rocky Bantleman, Hayes, 126½, outpointed Jim Harvey, Glasgow, 124, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.

Ron Pearce, 147, yet another member of the family, won every round in out-pointing Barry Winter, Glasgow, 143, over eight by 80-76. Winter bled from the nose, but never gave up trying. Pearce split a glove, which was changed at the start of the sixth. Then the new glove split, and had to be changed at the end of that round.
(03-16-81)

▲ **NOTTINGHAM—Great International Sporting Club—**Ian Murray, Birmingham, 147, beat Roger Guest, Dudley, 146½, the referee intervening in round six after Guest had been on the canvas.

Mickey Kidd, Wolverhampton, 159, defeated Willie Wright, Birmingham, 160, who was disqualified in the sixth and final round for allegedly using his thumb repeatedly on a cut over his opponent's right eye.

Both were down briefly in round two, and the cut was caused by a clash of heads in round four.

Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 161, outscored Joe Jackson, 160, over six, by the narrow margin of 59½-59. A scrambling affair, with very little skill on either side.

Paul Murray, Birmingham, 147, drew with Dennis Sheehan, 148, over six.

An excellent scrap, with the former perhaps a little unlucky to get only a share.
(03-16-81)

▲ **MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—**Johnny Francis, Manchester, 149, outpointed Paul Goodwin, Bootle, 150, over eight by 79½-77.

Goodwin started in promising fashion, but once Francis had found his range he worked well behind an accurate jab, varying his attack well and gaining a comfortable victory.

Dave Dunn, Rosendale, outscored Steve Foster over six by 59½-57½. Both boxers were inside the stipulated 150.

Steve Davies, Pembroke, 149, didn't lose a round by outpointing John Mount, Wisham, 150, over six by 60-58.

Joe Dean, Huddersfield, 174, atoned for a previous defeat by outpointing Paul Heatley, Manchester, 172, over six by 60-57½. This indicated that Dean hadn't lost a round, but Dean was down in the opening session and shaken in round three.

In spite of an injured right hand, Heatley did much better than the scoreline suggests.
(03-16-81)

▲ **LONDON—Anglo-American Sporting Club—**Too much "needle" spoiled the bout between Chris Lawson, Pembroke, 178, and Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 176, the bout being stopped in Lawson's favor halfway through round five when Hylton had stopped fighting back.

Both were censured for infringements in an untidy contest. Hylton was down briefly in the opening round, but came back well. Lawson frequently caught his man with punches to the back of the head, and, in round four, Hylton was pushed through the ropes four times.

Jackie Turner, Hull, 138, outscored Eric Wood, Doncaster, 138, over eight by 79½-77. In spite of infringements, the fans enjoyed the exchanges, and some threw in nobbins afterwards.

Wood was down in the opening round, but survived by holding, for which he was warned a few times. Turner was cut on the left eyebrow, but was a worthy winner.

Tony Britton, Lewisham, 157, outpointed Gary Cooper, Lymington, 164, who lost his High Noon confrontation after six good rounds.

Cooper had his moments of glory, twice putting his man on the deck, but Britton generally kept his nose in front, in spite of being bruised around the left eye.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 164, outscored Paddy Ryan, Dagenham, 170, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Prince Wilmot, Cricklewood, 162, outscored Casley McAllum, Croydon, 157, over six by 59½-57½.
(03-16-81)

▲ **BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club—**Romel Ambrose, Leicester, 163, beat Billy Savage, Nigeria, 163, the referee intervening in round three with Savage on the canvas for the second time. Right hands did the trick.

Peter Simon, Battersea, outscored Winston Davis, Leicester, 161, over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78. A bit of a scramble, with the referee calling for more action after only two rounds.

Steve Tempro, Leicester, 143, stopped Mark Virgen, Merthyr, 140, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round after Virgen had been down twice.

John Wiggins, Nottingham, 142, beat Dave Finigan, 140½, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round when the latter was cut on the left eyelid.
(03-16-81)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—**Ray Cattouse 134½, successfully defended his British lightweight title by defeating Scot Dave McCabe, 134½, the bout being stopped by referee James Brimmell with only 27 seconds left of their scheduled 15-rounder.

A great fight, with Cattouse probably ahead, but that is mere conjecture. The fact is that Cattouse paced the fight beautifully, and a left to the jaw set up the Scot for the final assault that left McCabe with his arms by his sides. He had stopped fighting back.

The referee was absolutely right to intervene, but it was hard luck on McCabe that he failed to go the full distance, something he earned after a fine challenging performance.

Southpaw McCabe started fast and promisingly with right jabs to the face, but took a right to the jaw in round five that pulled him up in his tracks. From then on, Cattouse kept his nose in front, whereas McCabe, although willing and throwing punches, seemed to be tiring slightly.

McCabe was down in rounds nine and 11, but it looked as if he was off balance the first time and had slipped on the second occasion.

It was grim stuff until the end, McCabe calling on all his reserves of energy, and Cattouse bruised by the left eye in round 13.

Cattouse was the stronger of the two in the last couple of rounds, and really turned it on in the final session with a two-fisted attack that drove his man into a neutral corner, under which McCabe eventually wilted.

McCabe had given everything, but it was not enough to overcome a worthy champion, who boxed with confidence and ability.

Debutant Ian McLeod, Scotland, 129, comfortably outscored Selvin Bell, Manchester, 130, over six by 60-58.

Gordon Haigh, Hull, 118, beat Robert Carson, Cambuslang, 116½, the contest being stopped in round three when the latter was cut over the left eye.

Colin Wake, Hull, 140, outpointed Norman Morton, Newcastle, over eight by 79½-78½.
(03-23-81)

▲ **LONDON—World Sporting Club—**Denis Andries, Hackney, 172½, won back the Southern Area light heavyweight title by outpointing the holder, Shaun Chalcraft, Crawley, 171¼, in ten by 99-97.

A comfortable victory, but not a good fight to watch. There was too much holding, and too much missing.

Andries gave up the crown last year to concentrate on a shot at the British championship. The former was the harder puncher, but missed with several wild right hands, and Chalcraft sovered up persistently, jabbing lightly with southpaw right that mostly fell short.

Darwin Brewster, Cardiff, 150, drew with Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 154, over six.

Paul Newman, Bognor, 165, outscored Pharoah Bish, Battersea, 172½, over six by the narrow margin of 59½-59 over six.

Peter Ewebanks, Brighton, 128¼, outpointed Steve Henderson, Aylesbury, 128, by 60-58½ over six, not losing a round.

Another not to lose a round was Mark West, Brighton, who outpointed Ian Murray, Manchester, 123¼, over six by 60-59.
(03-23-81)

▲ **LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre—**Souther Area bantam champ Dave Smith, 118, narrowly outpointed Davy Larmour, 116½, by 117½-117 over 12 in a final eliminator for the British title.

Smith now qualifies to meet John Feeney for the vacant crown.

A thrilling encounter, fought in the best traditions of the sport.

Smith boxed coolly and competently to forge ahead at the halfway stage, but Larmour's heavier punching shook his opponent on more than once occasion. Boxer versus puncher, with the former deservedly winning.

Billy Grady, Deptford, 134¼, beat Barry Price, Brighton, 136, the referee intervening after Price had been down four times.

Isaac Hussein, Deptford, 216¼, outpointed Tony Moore, Hendon, 200, over eight by 79-77 in a boring contest.

Ben Lawlor, Kilkenny, 178¼, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Keith Bristol, Balham, 179¼, the bout being stopped in round five after Bristol's jaw had been broken by right hands. This will probably mean six months' inactivity, but at least Keith will have the inactive summer period to recover.

Terry Christie, Kilkenny, 163¼, drew with Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 164, who had been inactive for some time, over six.
(03-23-81)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club—**Decked in round three, Johnny Francis, Manchester, 149, got up to knock out Paul Goodwin, Bootle, in round six with a right to the head.

Dave Sullivan, Plymouth, 141½, outpointed Dave Taylor, 142, over six by 59½-58½.

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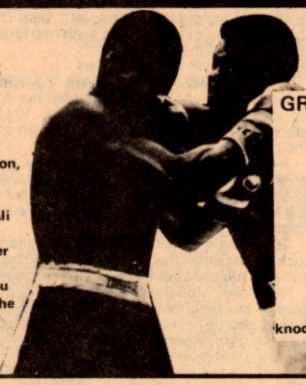

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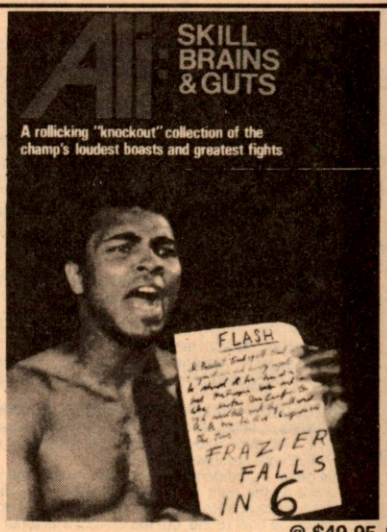

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Dennis Sullivan, Dave's elder brother, 138½, beat Jimmy Bunclarke, Netherton, 138, the referee intervening in round four with Buclarke taking punches without retaliating, although he hadn't been down.

The patrons loved the sparkling little contest in which Gary Petty, Hull, 148, outscored Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 145, by 59-58, six. Petty was cut by the left eye in round two.
(03-23-81)

▲ **LONDON—York Hall—**Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 126½, beat Spaniard Jose Luis de la Sagra, 126¼, who was disqualified in round five after five warnings for misuse of the head.

The Spaniard seemed to prefer to use his head more than his gloves, and, although warnings were issued through an interpreter, Jose didn't heed them. It came as no surprise when he was ruled out.

Colin Derrick, Bethnal Green, 147½, repeated a previous win by beating Mike Clemmow, Camborne, 146, the bout being halted after the latter had been down.

Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 149, narrowly outscored debutant Andrew Dacosta, Tottenham, 147, over six by 59-58½.

Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 147, kayoed Gary Brooks, Stoke Newington, 144, in round two after putting him on the canvas for nine.

Errol Dennis, Wolverhampton, 144, defeated George Hite, Battersea, 144, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round. The latter was still upright, but was probably adjudged to be too far behind.

Paul Bussette, Kensal Rise, beat Crawford Danvers, Tottenham, 178½, who was retired by his corner at the end of round three with an injured left eye. Danvers was having his first pro fight.
(03-24-81)

▲ **STOKE—North Staffs Sporting Club—**Duncan Hamilton, Cambuslang, 138, outpointed Johnny Burns, Birmingham, 139, over eight by 79½-77½. The former won by virtue of his more accurate punching.

Paddy Maguire, Birmingham, 123, beat Pat Mallon, Glasgow, who was retired by his corner in round four because of an injured nose. Maguire looked ahead at that stage.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 128, defeated Alex Bodden, Nottingham, 129, who was retired by his corner at the end of round four after being down.

Neville Wilson, Wolverhampton, 162, stopped Willie Downey, Glasgow, 162, the referee intervening, also in round four, after Downey had been down twice. It was Downey's pro debut.

Another debutant, Steve Brennan, Nuneaton, 145, outpointed Ray Smyth, Birmingham, 135, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.
(03-18-81)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Sporting Club—**Cliff Gilpin, Telford, 147, chalked up his 13th successive win by beating Steve McLeod, Lochaber, 145, the referee intervening in round four after McLeod had been decked five times.

Gary Buckle, Wednesbury, 148½, outscored Errol Dennis, Wolverhampton, 146, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Lloyd Christie, Wolverhampton, 143, beat Paul Chance, Bournemouth, 139¼, the bout being stopped halfway through the opening session after the latter had been on the canvas.

Jim Burns, Rugeley, 198, didn't lose a round in outpointing Ian Scotting, Doncaster, 206, over six by 60-57½.

Patsy Moore, Bournemouth, 154, outpointed Phil Williams, Plymouth, 162, over four by 39½-39, with the latter down in the opening round.
(03-17-81)

▲ **NORWICH—Norwood Rooms—**Vernon Scott, Willesden, 172, outscored Lee White, Morden, 179, over eight by 79½-78½.

Scott started shakily, but gained in confidence as the fight progressed, and White looked weary at the close. Lee was down in the final session, and was under severe pressure.

Robert Hepburn, Lowestoft, 123, confirmed a previous win, beating Wayne Williams, Merthyr, 123, the referee intervening in round four after Williams had been down.

Mark Crouch, Epsom, 143, gained a six-round points win over Gary Richards, Merthyr, 145, scoreline 59½-58 after six.

Neil Brown, Norwich, 138, narrowly outscored debutant George Smithson, South Norwood, over six by 59½-59.

Chris Thorne, Dereham, 168, made a promising debut by outpointing Charlie Smith, Tooting, 168, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.
(3-19-81)

▲ **SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club—**Les Wint, Tottenham, 147, looked good in beating Wayne Floyd, Cranleigh, 148, the bout being stopped in round five after the latter had been down twice.

This result made a mess of the British welterweight ratings, in which Floyd is currently number 35 and Wint number 61

Floyd started like a house afire, and must have been ahead at the halfway mark. Then he began to tire from the efforts of his own exertions, and Wint took over with accurate left jabs, paving the way for the final right hand.

In an uninspiring contest, Don George, Swansea, 125, outpointed Alan Cooper, Brighton, over eight by 79-78. Twice the referee had to warn them for holding.

Nobbins followed the bout in which Clyde Ruan, Slough, 128, outscored Steve Farnsworth, Sheffield, 125, over six by 59½-58½.

Winston Ho Shing, Sheffield, 141, defeated Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 136, the referee intervening early in the sixth and final round, although Thomas had not been down and looked as if he wanted to continue fighting.
(03-17-81)

▲ **SHEFFIELD—City Hall—**A cool, competent display of boxing won Herol Graham, Sheffield, 153¼, the British light middleweight title, in which he comprehensively outpointed the holder, Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 152, by the overwhelming margin of 150-143 over 15 rounds, indicating Graham won 14 of them.

Why was this championship fight so one-sided? And if it was so one-sided, why did it go the full distance? Or why was it allowed to?

The main reason is that Thomas was completely outboxed. He seemed to have little idea of how to deal with Graham's speed of punch and foot.

Also, Graham never took any chances. The slightest sign of involvement, and Herol went dancing away. Thomas was too slow to catch him.

It went the distance because Graham is not a hard puncher, but he punches so quickly that it certainly bemused Thomas. In the later stages, Herol looked to have his man in trouble on one or two occasions, but preferred to retreat rather than follow up his advantages.

Just once, in the final round, did Graham stand his ground and trade his man punch-for-punch. But he was quickly away again.

Graham's unbeaten run is now 17, and he thoroughly deserved his victory. As to his meeting Maurice Hope, it is much too early, and the new British champ needs more experience. A fight with Jimmy Batten would probably prove more interesting, and a better guide to Herol's ability.

Mick Mills, Rotherham, 151, outpointed Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 160, by the narrow margin of 79-78½ over eight.

Jimmy Ellis, Sheffield, 161, beat Carl Daley, Peckham, 162, the referee intervening in round six with Daley cut by the left eye. Ellis was down briefly in round two.

Eric Wood, Doncaster, 135, outscored Glyn Rhodes, Sheffield, 135, by 79-78½ over eight by means of his greater workrate.

Ken Foreman, Hartlepool, 135, outpointed Andy Broughton, 132, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round.
(03-24-81)

▲ **BIRMINGHAM—Aston Sports Centre—**Irishman Gordon Ferris, at present living in Birmingham, 204½, won the British heavyweight title vacated by John L. Gardner by outpointing Billy Aird, Liverpool, now living in London, 196, over 15 rounds by 148-147, or, a margin of two rounds.

Aird had boxed for the title in 1978, but retired against Gardner in five rounds, an action which didn't please the fans. Ever since then, Billy has wanted another chance, if only to prove to his supporters that he could do better.

This he did, and if only he had managed to pick up a few points in the early rounds, he could well have won the title. As it was, he left things a little too late.

The heavier Ferris used his superior weight to good advantage, and threw a lot of punches. But not all of them landed, and Aird showed skills in blocking or parrying many of his opponent's leads.

A gruelling contest, marred slightly by the frequent infringements. Aird was cut by the left eye in round two, and did little positive work in the first half of the fight. Ferris was also cut by the left eye in round 10, the signal for Aird to put in an impressive rally until the final bell.

It wasn't a particularly sparkling bout, but it was full of honest endeavour, and they fought each other to a standstill.

The fans liked it, and applauded generously.

The result confirmed a previous points win by Ferris over Aird last year, and, although no immediate announcement was made, it is expected that the 35-year-old Aird will now retire to concentrate full time on his London pub.

Steve Early, Coventry, 141, was twice on the canvas before stopping French lightweight champion Didier Kowalski, 137½, in round seven, the referee intervening after the Frenchman had been decked.

Actually, Kowalski got up and made for his corner, signifying that he had had enough.

Early rose from his two knockdowns before the counts could be started.

Denton Ruddock, Camberwell, 199, beat former British heavyweight champion Danny McAlinden, the bout being stopped in round five to save Danny from further punishment, although he had not been off his feet.

Danny has made more comebacks than many people have had hot dinners, and, in his 34th year, may now decide that enough is enough.

Ugandan John Langol, now living in Birmingham, 154, outpointed Carl Bailey, Manchester, 156, over eight by 79½-77½. Bailey was cut by the left eye in round six, which brought a spurt of aggression from Langol, but his punches were frequently wild and off-target. Nevertheless, he was a clear winner.

Antonio Harris, Birmingham, 175½, did well in his debut, winning every round against Nigel Savory, 176, scoreline 60-57 after six.

Al Stevens, Birmingham, 175, looked to be trailing on points when he produced a left hook to knock out Jonjo Green, Manchester, 173½, in the fourth and final round.
(3-30-81)

▲ **LONDON—Wembley Conference Center—**It was a triumph for experience over age when British light welter champ Clinton McKenzie, 139¼, kept his crown by the narrowest possible margin, outpointing Sylvester Mittee, 139¾, referee Mike Jacobs' scoreline was 147-146½ after 15.

It was a voluntary defense by the 35-year-old McKenzie. In other words, he hadn't been ordered to defend against Mittee by the Board of Control, but he couldn't have picked a harder match than the 24-year-old Mittee.

Incidentally, these two were team mates in the 1976 Olympic Games.

An excellent contest, and noteworthy for McKenzie's immense determination. He knew that age was against him, and

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. John L. Gardner (England)
2. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
3. Gordon Ferris (No. Ireland)
4. Billy Aird (England)
5. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
6. Neville Meade (England)
7. Terry Mintus (England)
8. Steve Aczel (Australia)
9. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
10. Gordie Racette (Canada)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
2. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
3. Bunny Johnson (England)
4. Gary Summerhays (Canada)
5. Tony Mundine (Australia)
6. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
7. Stan Bogovic (Australia)
8. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
9. John Odehiamba (Uganda)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

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Champion
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1. Alan Minter (England)
2. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Eddie Melo (Canada)
5. Wayne Caplette (Canada)
6. Wally Carr (Australia)
7. Fernand Marcotte (Canada)
8. Chris Clarke (Canada)
9. Eddie Burke (Scotland)
10. Eddie Smith (England)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
1. Maurice Hope (England)
2. Rocky Mattioli (Australia)
3. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
4. Herol Graham (England)
5. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
6. Jimmy Batten (England)
7. Dave (Boy) Green (England)
8. Elisha Obed (Bahamas)
9. Steve Hopkin (England)
10. Steve Dennis (Australia)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Frank Ropis (Australia)
3. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
4. Mark Harris (Guyana)
5. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
6. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
7. Lloyd Hibbert (England)
8. Lachie Austin (Australia)
9. Dave Sarago (Australia)
10. Reggie Ford (Guyana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Des Morrison (England)
4. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
5. Mike Parsons (Trinidad)
6. Steve Early (England)
7. Ken Buchanan (Scotland)
8. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
9. Sid Smith (England)
10. Alan Lamb (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Jim Watt (Scotland)
2. Charlie Nash (No. Ireland)
3. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
4. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
5. Gaetan Hart (Canada)
6. Ray Cattouse (England)
7. John Summerhays (Canada)
8. Dave McCabe (Scotland)
9. Nick Furlano (Canada)
10. Ricky Beaumont (England)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Guyana)
1. Pat Cowdell (England)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Jimmy Flint (England)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Thomas Gourley (Canada)
7. Leonard Pinnock (Canada)
8. Vernon Penprase (England)
9. Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
10. Tiger Mann (Papua)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
2. John Feeney (England)
3. Dave Smith (England)
4. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
5. Gary Nickels (England)
6. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
7. Young Ali (Nigeria)
8. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
9. Charlie Brown (Australia)
10. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Steve Bell (Australia)
3. Ray Amoo (Nigeria)
4. Pedro Solo (Australia)
5. John Hipwell (Australia)
6. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
7. Dave George (Wales)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Sam Eme (Nigeria)
10. Attah Yeboah (Ghana)

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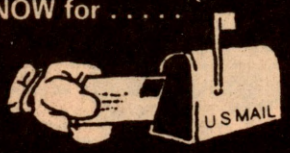

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he knew that Mittee hits hard with both hands. Yet, he paced the fight like a true champion, and he was quicker to the punch than the challenger.

Mittee might have been expected to use every opportunity to land his hooks, but he retreated instead of punching back. This must have given McKenzie more confidence, and the champ stepped up his work rate, his combination punching being very effective.

Also, McKenzie didn't leave much of a target, going forward, then staying in close. Mittee had very little room for manipulation.

Both had their moments. Mittee looked good for the first three rounds, then McKenzie found his range, only for Mittee to come back in rounds 10 and 11 when the champ might have been expected to tire. But it didn't happen that way. McKenzie caught his opponent on or near the eye in the 12th, Mittee looked troubled, and in came Mac.

Fortunes fluctuated in the last three rounds, with the final session being fought out toe-to-toe. The fans gave both men a fine ovation, and they certainly earned it.

McKenzie still has ambitions to gain further honors, and Mittee, with age on his side, will remain a top contender for the British crown.

In an official eliminator for the British lightweight title, George Feeney, Hartlepool, 133½, defeated Winston Spencer, Walworth, 135, the bout being stopped after Spencer had gone to the canvas from a fusilade of punches.

There could have been little in it at that stage, and Feeney had been handicapped by a nose bleed from round four which must have made it difficult for him to breathe properly.

Both boxed coolly and competently, and the sudden end came as a surprise.

Ritchie Foster, Dublin, 128½, outpointed Austin Owens, Reading, 126¼, over eight by 78-77½.

A narrow margin, but a great achievement for Foster, taking part in only his third bout, and previously rated the number 31 featherweight, with Owens number eight.

Foster boxed with all the confidence in the world, and his potential is undeniable.

Paul Huggins, Hastings, 121½, beat Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 120, the referee intervening in round three after Bott had been decked.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 116¼, defeated Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 117, who retired with a cut by the right eye at the end of round seven.

Dominic Bergonzi, Hoxton, 146½, stopped debutant P.J. Davitt, Dublin, 146¼, who retired with a cut left eyebrow at the end of round three. He had been down briefly in round two from a left hook.
(3-31-81)

RON OLVER

AFRICA

ZIMBABWE

▲ **SALISBURY—National Sports Center—**A capacity crowd of 5,000 saw Langton "Schoolboy" Tinago, the Commonwealth lightweight champion, outpoint ex-world champion Ken Buchanan over 10 rounds.

Buchanan, at 35, is no longer the fighter he once was. His reflexes have slowed considerably, but the grit and determination are still there.

Tingo, 31, is also no youngster, but Zimbabwe's top boxer is a cool customer, although not noted for his punching.

Within two minutes of the opening round, the pattern of the fight had been established. Buchanan attacked, Tingo swayed back and countered with his left. Buchanan gritted his teeth and took his wacks, then plunged in again.

But his punches were usually blocked by Tingo's arms or gloves. At no stage did he appear to hurt the Commonwealth champ.
(04-04-81)

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TRANSVAAL

▲ **JOHANNESBURG—Ellis Park Tennis Stadium—**Charlie Weir confirmed his potential as a topflight junior middleweight when he knocked out Tyrone Rackley in the seventh round.

Rackley was counted out as he stood with his right hand gripping the top rope. The American later protested the decision, but referee Stan Christodoulou's interpretation of the rules was "spot on."

Weir had sent Rackley crashing into the ropes and then to the canvas with a powerful right to the jaw. The American, who had stood up to Weir in toe-to-toe exchanges in the early rounds, appeared badly hurt.

He pulled himself erect within a matter of seconds but stood with legs spread wide, a dazed expression on his face and his right hand gripping the ropes as Christodoulou continued to count him out.

Weir fought the entire fight under the handicap of a huge swelling above his right eye, which was shut tight by the end of the fight. Weir claimed that the swelling was caused by a butt.

Rackley scored repeatedly with left hooks and overhand rights to the head, but in the end it was Weir's greater firepower that made all the difference.

Kellie Knoetze boxed well to stop Johnny Baca in the seventh round of a heavyweight fight. This was Knoetze's second comeback fight and he surprised everybody, including Baca, by boxing from behind a left jab.

Baca was dropped in the sixth, and the American took some fearful punishment in the seventh before going down.

Bruce McIntyre became the new South African middleweight champion when he knocked out Michael Motsoane in the ninth round to win the vacant title.

McIntyre had Motsoane on the floor in both the first and fourth rounds, but Motsoane came back well in the middle rounds before being blasted into dreamland in the ninth by a bonecrushing right ot the head.

Bennie Knoetze stopped Jimmy Dixon of U.S.A. in the third round of a heavyweight fight. Dixon was little more than a joke and the fight proved nothing.
(05-02-81)

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JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Up-and-coming flyweight Koki Ishii, 113, won a shutout unanimous decision over OPBF champ Hong-Soo Yang, also 113, in 10-round non-title bout.

Ishii, the 25-year-old son of a Black American father and a Japanese mother, is now 7-0 as a professional. He won a Gold Medal in the Asian Amateur Games in 1978.

The official scoring was as follows: referee Shoichi Uchida, and judge Ken Morita, both 100-92; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 100-93.

Yang, the WBA's fifth ranked flyweight, is now 23-7-3 with six kayoes.

Tadashi Suginaga, 140, knocked Fire Kaneda, also 140, down three times for an automatic kayo in 2:26 of the third round in their scheduled 10-rounder. Suginaga is now 7-6-1 with four knockouts. Kaneda is 10-9 with four kayoes.

Mitsuo Imazato, 113¾, knocked out Yuichi Uchida, 113¼, in 1:02 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Imazato is managed by former world champ Fighting Haranda.

Four-rounders: Kazuhiro Matsuda, 117, won unanimous decision over Masatoshi Tomizawa, 117½. Hiroshi Yamamoto, 118, halted Mitsuo Tokumaru, 117½, at 2:59 of the third canto. Shuichiro Kawahira, 139¾, and Takenori Kojima 137¾, drew. Scores: 38-38 (twice) and 38-37, Kawahira. Kazuo Hatayama, 107½, stopped Yasushi Hara, 105, in the fourth round of the curtain raiser, referee Uchida halting matters at 2:16 of the session. Both were making their pro debuts.

Nitto Promotions. TV Asahi.

Attendance—2,100.
(03-03-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Battle Hawk Kazama, 135, retained his national lightweight title with a unanimous decision over Joken Narita, also 135, 10.

There were no knockdowns, though Kazama chased Narita from pillar to post in the eighth session. Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 98-96; judge Takeo Ugo, 99-96; judge Ken Morita, 98-96.

The 5'7½" Kazama is now 18-6-4 with seven kayoes. Narita, 5'8" in height, is 12-12-1 with one knockout.

Hikaru Tomonari, 130, won the vacant Japanese junior lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over southpaw Yoshitaka Ikehara, also 130, 10. The 5'8" Hikaru won almost all rounds, forcing Ikehara to receive a standing eight-count in the sixth.

Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-93; judge Ken Morita, 100-94; judge Kodai Kumazaki, 99-93. Tomonari is now 17-4-1 with nine kayoes. Ikehara is 12-7-1 with four knockouts.

Hiroyuki Yamashita, 118, eked out a majority decision over lefty Yoichi Ota, also 118, six.

Four-rounders: Tatsuhide Takemoto, 114¾, knocked out

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
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2. Wally Carr (Australia)
3. Richie Roberts (Australia)
4. Kenji Shibata (Japan)
5. Joe Willisco (Philippines)
6. Soo-Hang Lee (Korea)
7. James Callaghan (Japan)
8. Mana Prenchai (Thailand)
9. Peter Piamonte (Philippines)
10. Caesar Sasaki (Japan)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kwang-Min Kim (Korea)
1. Jenrub Muangsurin (Thailand)
2. Deuk-Koo Kim (Korea)
3. Barry Michael (Australia)
4. Nardito Adrayan (Philippines)
5. Battle Hawk Kazama (Japan)
6. Young-Ho Oh (Korea)
7. Somdej Sakdiphipus (Thailand)
8. Max (Boy) Toyogon (Philippines)
9. Heung-Sok Yuh (Korea)
10. Jyoken Narita (Japan)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (Japan)
1. Sakda Saksuree (Thailand)
2. Kang-San Lee (Korea)
3. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
4. Bobby Berna (Philippines)
5. Sang-Bong Lee (Korea)
6. Charnok U. Yuthnakarn (Thailand)
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8. Billy Abato (Philippines)
9. Chul-Soon Hwang (Korea)
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JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (Japan)
1. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
2. Aquilano Nicolas (Philippines)
3. Michihiro Horihata (Japan)
4. Alex Temelkov (Australia)
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Sae Oh (Korea)
1. Tae-Jin Moon (Korea)
2. Frank Camatagan (Philippines)
3. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
4. Masa Ito (Japan)
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Champion
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Champion
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1. Hwan-Kil Yuh (Korea)
2. Dae-Hwan Lee (Korea)
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Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (Korea)
1. Kap-Chul Shin (Korea)
2. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
3. Kazumasa Tamaki (Japan)
4. Dan Pisalchai (Thailand)
5. Steve Bell (Australia)
6. In-Wan Hang (Korea)
7. Puichitsuk Korusayarm (Thailand)
8. Melchor Degsi (Philippines)
9. Koichi Maki (Japan)
10. Yun-Hee Kim (Korea)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Eduard Heneral (Philippines)
2. Noburo Hatakeyama (Japan)
3. Konglog Vocharernrat (Thailand)
4. Sang-Hyun Baek (Korea)
5. Joe Lim (Philippines)
6. Mohamad Solikin (Indonesia)
7. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
8. Petchayarm Petcharern (Thailand)
9. Kyung-Hwan Chae (Korea)
10. Graham Bell (Australia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Lucas (Philippines)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (Japan)
2. Dejavarin Hollywood (Thailand)
3. Rey Naduma, Jr. (Philippines)
4. Brian Roberts (Australia)
5. Bong-Ho Yang (Korea)
6. Bunji Ando (Japan)
7. Neptali Alamag (Philippines)
8. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
9. Kenichi Ito (Japan)
10. Ki-Yung Chung (Korea)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hyun Kim (Korea)
1. Siony Carupo (Philippines)
2. Soon-Yun Mah (Korea)
3. Masaharu Inami (Japan)
4. Junior Thompson (Australia)
5. Srithuncha Sithsanae (Thailand)
6. Katsuo Tokashiki (Japan)
7. Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
8. Juanito Ablaca (Philippines)
9. Tadashi Tomori (Japan)
10. Puma Koya (Japan)

The Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

Yasunobu Imazaki, 115¾, in 1:12 of the first. Southpaw Manabu Yasuda, 132¼, won a majority decision over Shunzo Kanehisa, 131¾. Toshio Yoshimoto, 113¾, halted Teruyuki Shimada, 114½, at 1:14 of the first. Hiroki Nakagawa, 129¼, stopped Satoshi Kodate, also 129¼, at 1:02 of the first round. Lefty Kazuo Yamato, 124¼, won a hairline unanimous decision (all 39-38) over Masaji Wada, 122¾, in the opener.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,200.

(03-19-81)

▲ **YOKOHAMA—Cultural Gymnasium—**Masaharu Inami, 108, threw quick one-two combos to the face and won a unanimous decision over southpaw Hiroyuki Tada, 106, to retain his Japanese junior flyweight title in his first defense, 10 rounds.

Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 99-95; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-97; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-97. Inami is now 14-1-1 with four kayoes. Tada is 9-1 with two knockouts.

Katsuyuki Ohashi, 118, halted southpaw Tomoki Kataya, also 118, at 2:20 of the 10th and final round. Kataya lost consciousness after reaching his corner, and was taken to a hospital. He was suffering from a brain hemorrhage, but the treatment he received enabled him to go home in three weeks.

Four-rounders: Miharu Muto, 135, outscored Shunji Konishi, also 135. Hiroaki Kikuchi, 129, outpointed Susumi Asari, 129¼. Kazuo Fujii, 107¾, halted Takao Ogaki, 107¼, at 1:22 of the fourth round. Yoshimasa Kimura, 108, outpointed Elvis Arai, 107, in the curtain raiser.

Kyoei-Kawai Promotions.

Attendance—4,000.

(03-11-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**National bantamweight champion Hurricane Teru, 118, retained his title with a shutout unanimous decision over Yuji Oka (AKA Jiro Takada), 117¼, 10.

Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 100-90; judge Kenji Ichikawa, 100-92; judge Takeo Ugo, 100-93. Promoters are talking of a possible title fight for Teru against WBC champ Lupe Pintor. Teru's aggressiveness might be effective against the slow starting Pintor.

The 5'4½" Teru is now 34-9-3 with 15 knockouts. Oka, two inches shorter, so 33-17-4 with 16 kayoes.

Kenichi Ito, 123, kayoed Johnny Fujimoto, 122¼, in 2:02 of the fourth frame in a scheduled 10-round supporting bout. Fujimoto hits hard, but his chin is made of glass.

Four-rounders: Southpaw Keiji Koizumi, 121½, kayoed Chikara Maejima, 121¼, in 1:37 of the first. Tetsu Takahashi, 118, outpointed Hiroshi Iijima, 117½. Masahiro Sasaki, 118, outscored Kanji Itsukaichi, 117¼. Junichi Hashimoto, 112, iced Sandanori Ozaki, also 112, in 1:15 of the first round in the opener.

Ishikawa Promotions.

Attendance—1,800.

(03-15-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Masayuki Tsuyuzaki, 114¾, demolished Shinji Taki, 113¼, in 2:02 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Keiichi Yamamoto, 121½, outpointed tough Hiroshi Harada, also 121½, Kyoto, in a companion eight.

Former *Shinjin-o* tournament winner Hideharu Mitsui, 129¼, stopped Kazuo Nakata, 128¾, at 2:43 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Four-rounders: Ryosei Tanaka, 129, outscored Masami Inatomi, also 129. Hitoshi Hasegawa, 121, stopped Ryoku Genshi, 122, at 2:11 of the second. Yuji Tanaka, 121, outpointed Ichiro Ogamino, 122. Takahiro Masaki, 107, outscored Makoto Fujishima, 107¼. Saburo Tobii, 116, stopped Hidetake Kobayashi, 115,¾, at 1:30 of the fourth. Kazuto Nakahira, 126, halted Toshinari Wachi, also 126, at 0:50 of the second. Hideki Shodohata, 120½, outpointed Yoshio Matsuda, 120¼. Soichi Ono, 113¼, knocked out Mitsuo Omori, also 113¼, in 2:01 of the first round in the curtain raiser.

Kamifukuoka Promotions.

Attendance—1,200.

(03-17-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Former national junior welter boss Minoru Sugiya, 146¼, won a unanimous decision over Yohi Arai, 148, after 10 dull rounds.

Scoring: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 97-95; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-96; judge Shoichi Uchida, 99-95.

Sugiya is now 15-2-1 with nine kayoes. Arai is 24-20-2 with 11 knockouts.

Yasuhide Takahashi, 125½, TKO'd Ikuyoshi Kuwabara, 126, in their scheduled 10-rounder. Kuwabara had to retire at the end of the eighth round due to a bad gash over his right optic. Takeshi Shimakawa was the referee.

Lanky Satoshi Koguchi, 117¾, knocked out Takeshi Ryu, 117½, in 1:00 of the fifth round in the evening's first 10-rounder. Ryu was floored a total of four times.

Koguchi is now 5-2 with five kayoes. Ryu is 9-6 with six knockouts.

Six-rounders: Seitaro Chinen, 132, knocked out southpaw Mitsuhiro Furuhashi, 129½, in 2:50 of the fourth. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto, 147, kayoed Yoshifumi Takeyama, 146, in 1:03 of the fourth. Katsuhiko Yokoyama, 132½, halted Fujio Nakayama, 131¾, in 0:51 of the third.

Tetsuwa-Keihin Promotions. TBS TV.

Attendance—1,300.

(03-24-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Former national junior featherweight champ Bunji Ando, 122, pounded out a unanimous decision over Takashi Uezu, also 122, in 10 monotonous rounds.

There were no knockdowns. The 25-year-old Ando used an attack to the body to with the decision. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 99-95; judges Kodai Kumazaki and Shoichi Uchida, both 100-95.

The 5'6½" Ando is now 14-7-2 with seven knockouts. Uezu is 13-4 with six kayoes.

Yasuo Azato, the JBC's seventh ranked junior bantam, TKO'd Eiji Amino at 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled companion 10. A bad gash forced referee Kenji Ichikawa to stop the bout.

Azato is not 10-4-3 with two kayoes. Amino is 7-6-3 with three knockouts.

Yoshiaki Kanda, 108, won a unanimous decision over Keisuke Yuguchi, 107, eight. Scoring: referee Shoichi Uchida, 80-76; judge Kenji Ichikawa, 79-76; judge Kodai Kumazaki, 78-75. The winner is now 8-4-3 with one kayo. Yuguchi is 7-9-1 with four knockouts.

Southpaw Tetsuro Kanzaki, 118, won a split decision over taller Isao Takashima, also 118, six. The scores were 60-58 and 59-58 for Kanzaki and 59-58, Takashima. Kanzato is now 3-2-1 with one knockout. Takashima is 6-3-4 with one kayo.

Yasuo Hasegawa, 134, this year's lightweight *Shinjin-o* tourney winner, was knocked out in 1:50 of the second in a scheduled sixer.

Four-rounders: Yoshito Toriumi, 108, outscored Masato Takahashi, 107¼. Kenji Tanaka, 117, outpointed Kenji Honda, 116, in the opener.

Saito Promotions.

Attendance—1,500.

(03-29-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Tadao Ishido, 134¾, knocked out Kaneatsu Yamamoto, also 134¾, in 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled 10-rounder. Ken Morita, referee.

Johnny Fujimoto, 139, kayoed Nobutaka Kuwada, 140, in 2:37 of the second in the scheduled 10-round co-feature. Kuwada was floored four times, Fujimoto once.

Four-rounders: Susumu Arihara, 125, won a split decision over Yoshio Shishikura, also 125. Shuichi Kawahira, 145½, TKO'd Mutsuo Narita, 145¼, in the first round. Referee Hiroyuki Tezaki called a halt at 0:51 of the session after Narita had been on the canvas twice. Shizuo Iwamoto, 121, won majority (39-38, 40-37, 38-38) decision over Mitsuru Nanamegi, 121½. Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 121¼, won a hairline unanimous (all 40-39) decision over Hideki Godai, 121½. Rusher Kawaguchi, 118¼, won unanimous (all 40-37) verdict over Shigeru Iwaki, 118¾. Yoshito Sueki, 107, eked out a unanimous decision over Masaji Hamaya, 108, in the curtain raiser.

Royal Kwakami Promotions.

Attendance—1,500.

(03-30-81)

▲ **SOJA CITY—City Gymnasium—**Local favorite Tatsuya Moriyasu, the JBC's seventh ranked junior welterweight, won a shutout unanimous decision over southpaw Hiroshi Nishihara, 137½, 10. Scoring: referee Nobumitsu Inukai, 100-97, judge Kurume, 100-95; judge Kashiwagi, 100-97.

Shiji Takagi, 113¾, survived a third round knockdown and halted Hiroaki Kato, 114¼, at 2:01 of the fifth round in a semi-final eight.

Four-rounders: Suejiro Kuwamura, 133½, won unanimous decision over Takeyoshi Tanaka, 133¾. Kuwamura is now 1-2. Yoshifumi Shirase, 163¼, won a lopsided verdict over Toru Nakanishi, also 163¼. Keiichi Nakatani, 144¼, kayoed Masahiro Hirayama, 143, in 0:51 of the first. Kazushi Hara, 122½, won unanimous decision over Tadashi Matsumura, 119½. Southpaw Taro Akiyama, 120½, pitched a shutout over Hitoshi Iwamoto, 123, in the opener.

Hiranuma Boxing Club.

Attendance—1,100.

(03-28-81)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium—**Freddie Mason, 129¼, halted hitherto unbeaten ex-kick boxer Gen Tosa, 129¼, at 1:08 of the 10th and final round in a battle of left-handers.

Official scoresheets after nine: referee Nobumitsu Inukai, 88-87; judge Ryoji Kashiwagi, 98-94; judge Yuko Yasuda, 89-96—all in Mason's favor. The victor, who is originally from Ghana, will re-enter the JBC ratings in the near future. He was coming off a long lay-off.

Mason's record is now 20-11 with six knockouts. Tosa is 10-1 with four kayoes.

Chong-Pyo Kim, 129¾, Korea, kayoed Tomio Nakamura, 129½, with wicked body shots in 2:46 of the fourth round in a supporting 10. Kim is ranked second among junior lightweights by the KBC. This was his second contest in Osaka.

Eijiro Kuruma, 126, won a close unanimous decision over Kaoru Yoshioka, also 126, eight. Scores were 79-78, 78-77, and 78-76. Kuruma is now 15-4-2 with four kayoes. He needs more speed.

Sensational rookie Hidekazu Akai, 140, ran his record to 5-0 (all kayoes) by knocking out George Moori, 139, in 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled six-rounder contest.

Four-rounders: Nobuyuki Yanagi, 138¼, floored Noboru Kanazawa, 139¾, and finished him at 2:09 of the fourth round. Akihiko Abiru, 126, eked out a majority (39-38, 38-37, 38-38) decision over Kenji Hideyama, 125¾.

Kambayashi Promotions.

Attendance—2,600.

(03-29-81)

▲ **CHOSHI—City Gymnasium—**Tricky Katsuji Sano, 132, knocked out Shigeyuki Otake, also 132, in 0:54 of the third round in the scheduled 10-round main event. A straight right did the trick.

Referee Shoichi Uchida, judge Ken Morita, and judge Takeaki Kanaya had all scored the first two sessions even.

Otake was taken to a hospital in Chosi City, where he re-

JAPANESE RATINGS BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF APRIL 16, 1981)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
James Callaghan
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Kenji Shibata
3. Tsumoru Okamoto
4. Gensui Murakami

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Masahide Kitamura
2. Mamoru Taira
3. Kazuhiko Yasuda
4. Minoru Ono
5. Tarzan Tobaru

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Yohi Arai
3. Mitsuo Kushikino
4. Katsuhiro Sawada
5. Kazumi Nakao
6. Ikuya Toshinai

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Noboru Hatakeyama
1. Eiichi Fukumoto
2. Minoru Sugiya
3. Kazunori Shiratori
4. Kirk Fujimoto
5. Tadashi Suginaga
6. Ryuya Moriyasu
7. Nobutaka Kuwata
8. Fire Kaneda
9. Hidekazu Akai

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Hayao Shiba
2. Jyoken Narita
3. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki
4. Tadao Ishido
5. Katsuhiro Ohkubo
6. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
7. Norio Maruuchi
8. Gen Akutsu
9. Keizo Kurebayashi
10. Kojiro Sasaki

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hikaru Tomonari
1. Masa Ito
2. Ryu Fukida
3. Freddy Mason
4. Katsuji Sano
5. Yoshitaka Ikehara
6. Gen Tosa
7. Blazer Okubo
8. Takeshi Hamada
9. Ken Sogo
10. Taijiro Niyama

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Yoshimitsu Azato
2. Koichi Matsushima
3. Tomio Nakamura
4. Johnny Fujimoto
5. Hiroshi Gonohe
6. Fusao Imai
7. Yasuhide Takahashi
8. Kosei Kawaguchi
9. Kuniyoshi Kuwabara
10. Tomoharu Yamamoto

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Iwamoto Hiroyuki
1. Bunji Ando
2. Kenichi Ito
3. Sanji Ito
4. Kiyoshi Nagashima
5. Naoki Kobayashi
6. Dragon Hayakawa
7. Jyo Tatsuki
8. Noboru Ishimine
9. Hirokazu Fukui
10. Keiji Kawamura

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurricane Teru
1. Hitoshi Ishigaki
2. Yuji Oka
3. Takashi Uezu
4. Ryu Takeshi
5. Tsuguyuki Toma
6. Katsuyuki Ohashi
7. Masaru Yamamoto
8. Toshiyuki Tanaka
9. Kenzo Takasugi
10. Masayuki Kirisaki

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jackal Maruyama
1. Satoru Koguchi
2. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
3. Hitoshi Ohashi
4. Takeshisa Nakajima
5. Kazumi Sato
6. Tsutomu Itokazu
7. Yasuo Azato
8. Osamu Kazuo
9. Hirohisa Iino
10. Kazuhiko Kawahira

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Koichi Maki
2. Nobuyuki Watanabe
3. Ken Kasugai
4. Koji Kobayashi
5. Shinji Suga
6. Toshihiro Okumoto
7. Masaru Fuji
8. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi
9. Shinji Takagi

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Masaharu Inami
1. Katsuo Tokashiki
2. Tadashi Tomonari
3. Hiroyuki Tada
4. Phoenix Taniguchi
5. Puma Koya
6. Kazuyoshi Funaki
7. Yoshiaki Kanda
8. Yoshiaki Nojima
9. Keisuki Yuguchi
10. Road Mitsuo

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Yasutsune Uehara (junior lightweight), Shoji Oguma (flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior middleweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eijiro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Tenyu Maruki (#9 WBA featherweight), Yu Kasahara (#7 WBA junior featherweight), Syuichi Isogami (#7 WBA bantamweight), Koki Ishii (#7 WBA flyweight), Shigeo Nakajima (#8 WBA flyweight), Jiro Watanabe (#9 WBA junior flyweight), Syuichi Hozumi (#6 WBA junior flyweight), Yoko Gushiken (#4 WBA junior flyweight).

gained conciousness. He is now in safe condition.

Koji Yamamoto, 130, demolished Takao (Phantom) Ogawa, also 130, in 2:37 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Masanori Uniwa, 130, halted Yoshihiro Mizutome, also 130, in 1:33 of the third round. Kazuki Nishiura, 126, outscored Masanori Yasukuni, also 126. Yasuo Kawauchi, 118, stopped Yoshiaki Matsuura, also 118, in 1:36 of the third. Hayao Nakahara, 135, kayoed Katsumi Motoki, also 135, in 3:02 of the second in the opener.

Token Promotions.

Attendance—1,500.

(03-31-81)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**The *Shinjin-o* tourney is limited to boxers who have never fought in bouts scheduled for more than four rounds. This card was composed of the national finals (East vs. West), with all contests scheduled for six.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Lord Mitsuru, 24 years old and with a 5-0 (three kayoes) log, was named the winner when his scheduled opponent from the East-Japan Zone, 19-year-old Takamichi Yamaga, reportedly disappeared because of his inability to make the 108-pound limit.

FLYWEIGHT: Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 112, halted Takashi Yamashita, 111, in 2:42 of round two. Uchikoshi, a brawler, is now 9-2 with four kayoes.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Lanky Kazuo Osamu, 117, stopped Kazuhiro Satoyama, 115¾, at 2:19 of the second. Osamu, 20, is now 7-0-1 with two knockouts.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Southpaw Keiji Kawamura, 121¾, TKO'd Koshiro Yamamoto, 118¾, at 1:24 of the third round, when referee Yusaku Yoshida stopped the contest. Kawamura, 25, is now 6-0-1 with two kayoes.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Sharp, speedy, and hard hitting Tomoharu Yamamoto, 126, was named "Best Shinjin-o Winner." He outclassed Koki Higashi, 124¾, winning by unanimous decision. Yamamoto is now 6-0 with five kayoes.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Taijiro Miiyama, 130, won a shutout (all 60-56) verdict over Masaji Ota, 128½. Niiyama, a hard hitter, is now 6-0 with three kayoes. He's 18 years old. (Ota is 33-15 years his senior.)

LIGHTWEIGHT: Yasuo Hasegawa, 20, was declared the winner when his opponent, Shinichi Akagi, was unable to fight because of a sudden attack of appendicitis. Haegawa has not fought for months. He won the East-Japan Zone Final when his opponent was unable to compete because of an injury.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: Hard hitting Hidekazu Akai, 138, demolished Fujio Ozaki, 139, in 1:47 of the third. The 5'9" Akai received the Fighting Spirit Award. Hidekazu, 22, compiled a 44-12 (22 kayoes) as an amateur.

WELTERWEIGHT: Ikuya Toshinai, 146, knocked out Noboru Kawaguchi, 145¾, with body shots in 1:33 of the fifth round. Toshinai, 24, is now 5-1 with four kayoes.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Kazuhiko Yasuda, 157¼, kayoed Shigeo Haku, also 157¼, in 1:10 of the first round. The winner is a natural 154-pounder, but there is no junior middle class in *Shinjin-o* competition.

▲ **NOTES—**The following results were published with incomplete data in the May, 1981 issue of *The Ring:*

(1) On January 23, 1981, Mitsuo Ibayashi, 126, knocked out *Mamoru Tajima, also 126,* in 1:09 of the first round in a scheduled four at Korakuen Hall in Tokyo.

(2) On January 27, 1981, Masatoshi Tomizawa, 118¾, kayoed Masahiro Sasaki, also 118¾, in *1:51* of the second in the opener at Korakuen Hall.

And the following was incomplete in the June issue:

Isao Takashima, 118, outpointed *Hiroji Kato, 117½,* six, at Korakuen Hall on February 24, 1981.

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KOREA

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium—**Chung-Il Chung, 130¾, the WBC's third ranked contender, ran his record to 10-0 (nine kayoes) by demolishing Rey Tam, 136¼, Philippines, with a volley of punches in 2:18 of the third round in their scheduled 10-rounder. The veteran Tam, a southpaw, had been ranked fifth by the WBC.

(02-28-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**OPBF welterweight champion Chung-Jae Hwang, 148¾, knocked out Japanese southpaw Katsuhiro Sawada, 149, in 1:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10-round non-title bout. Hwang is now 14-0 with 12 knockouts.

(03-01-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium—**Seung-Hoon Lee, 119½, won a close but unanimous decision over Carlos Alcivar, also 119½, 10.

Il-Bok Lee, 131¾, kayoed Emer Boronta, Mexico, in 1:32 of the fourth stanza in their scheduled 10-rounder.

(03-01-81)

▲ **PUSAN—Kudok Gymnasium—**Sa-Wang Kim, 131¼, knocked out Boy Reyes, 133¾, Philippines, with a wicked right uppercut in 2:24 of the second in a scheduled 10-round bout.

(03-08-81)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Min-Keun Oh, 125¼, won a unaminous decision over Filipino featherweight champion Cesar Ligan, 10. Oh, who turned pro after a fine amateur career, is now 3-0.

(03-15-81)

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PHILIPPINES

▲ **QUEZON CITY—Araneta Coliseum—**Dorn Sornsakdisith, 129, knocked out former OPBF champ Rey Tam, 130, in 2:20 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. This was the second straight kayo loss for Rey.

OPBF junior bantamweight champ William Develos and Filipino bantam king Bobby Berna drew in a non-title 10. Berna dropped Develos in the third, but the OPBF boss fought back, and should have gotten the decision.

Veteran campaigner Joe Lim won a unanimous decision over tough Yong-Dae Kim, 10. Lim holds a decision over former world junior lightweight champion Yasutsune Uehara.

Galorde Enterprises.

(04-01-81)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY—**Nardito Adrayan, 134½, won the national lightweight title by unanimous decision over defending champion Nilo Acido, 135, 12.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.

(02-28-81)

▲ **BAGUIO CITY—**Francis Camatagan, 130, won the national junior lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Nene Jun, 129½, 12.

Lorenzo Pilando, promoter.

(02-21-81)

▲ **MANILA—Eduardo's Club—**Bobby Berna, 118, won the vacant national bantamweight title by kayoing Ronald Sumalis, 117, in the 11th round. Berna was named Filipino "Boxer of the Month" for his win over Sumalis, the former champion.

Four scheduled 10-rounders supported the main event: Joe Lim, 141, won unaminous decision over Willie Makitoki, 140. Manny Sacay, 120, TKO'd Jun Padinit, 119, in the fifth. Pablo Pepito, 114, TKO'd Danny Ruiz, also 114, in the fourth round. Lord Esmero, 111½, halted Tony Ducay, 114, in the eighth frame of the first 10-round bout.

Jesus Abrea, promoter.

(02-28-81)

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—**Filipino flyweight champion Frank Cedeno, 112, retained his crown by stopping Lito Cortez, 111, in the seventh session of their scheduled 12-rounder.

Rudy Patalinhug, 122½, won a unanimous decision over Noe Canino, 121½, 10.

Jimmy Boy, 116, won unanimous decision over Berlin Olivetti, also 116, in the program's first 10-rounder.

Felicisimo Carlos, promoter.

(02-19-81)

▲ **MANILA—Eduardo's Club—**Former national junior featherweight champion Ric Diamale, 119½, won a unanimous verdict over Rene Cruz, Jr., 123½, 10.

Former national featherweight king Lulu Villaverde, 124, won a unanimous decision over Chito Adigue, also 124, 10.

Little Bangoyan, 121½, halted Raffy Tadia, 120, in the second session of their scheduled 10.

Henry Pepito, 118½, won unanimous verdict over Rudy Canasa, 120½, in the first 10-round bout of the evening.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.

(02-13-81)

▲ **CAPIZ—**Flash Romeo, 139, won a unanimous decision over Roldan Jumuad, 140½, 10.

Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.

(02-27-81)

▲ **MANILA—Mandaluyoung—**Henry Balina, 109, won a majority decision over Nick Mitra, 112, 10.

Jose Rebulado, promoter.

(02-14-81)

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY—**Gener Cruz, 127½, eked out a majority decision over Mario Odias, 128, 10.

Samuel Garcia, promoter.

(02-07-81)

▲ **ANGELS CITY—**Romy Cunanan, 129, won a unanimous decision over Fernando Cabanela, also 129, 10.

Young de la Cruz, 142, knocked out Erning Marin in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round affair.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

(02-07-81)

▲ **CEBU CITY—**Juanito Ablaca, 108¾, won unanimous decision over Dai-Chun Park, 110½, Korea, 10.

Willie Makitoki, 141, knocked out former Filipino lightweight champion Tony Flores, also 141, in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Ric Dolotallas, 134½, halted Pete Alferez, 136, in the sixth round of the first 10-rounder of the evening.

Sportscope, Ltd., promoter.

(02-01-81)

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THAILAND

▲ **ROI-ET—Buengpalanchai Stadium—**Vichit Muangroi-et, the WBA's second ranked junior featherweight, was knocked down in the seventh round and held to a draw by Korean rookie Jang-Wook Kim, 10. Referee Vichien Sathanonchai and judges Piniti Prayadsup and Sopon Kawsuwan all scored the contest 94-94.

Thai junior welterweight champion Kongrug Vocharernrat knocked out Semi Tavita, Hawaii, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Petchsayarm Petcharern, the TBC's top junior welterweight contender (and the cousin of ex-WBC champ Saensak Muangsurin), stopped Roberto Torres, Mexico, in 1:45 of the first round in the first 10-round contest of the evening.

THAI RATINGS BY THE THAI BOXING COMMISSION (AS OF APRIL 10, 1981)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Satanfa S. Pratip
1. Tongta Kiatvayupak
2. Saensak Muangsurin
3. Thaminthong Singsamang
4. Kiatsayarm Jokker
5. Burirum Suenmisakavan

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kongrug Vocharernrat
1. Petchsayarm Petcharern
2. Thom Singthanongsakdi

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jenrub Muangsurin
1. Somdej Sakdiphipus
2. Keovanoi Kiatsingnoi
3. Suradej Klongphajorn
4. Nunthabureng Leadbankye
5. Chokchai Kiatsingnoi
6. Chainarong Chutinavy
7. Sakad Pornthavee
8. Rakchart Kiatvayuphak
9. Downthong Chuvatana
10. No Listing

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Dorn Sornsakdisith
2. Phadedsuk Pisnurachun
3. Ve chayun Senaphitak
4. Sonsakdi Sithlakmuang
5. Ngoohuoleg Lukakadyotin
6. Kongkiat Sithmanun
7. Prichar Nabanmee
8. Monkorndum Muangsurin
9. Dejnarong Vorcharernrat
10. Usopnoi Lukakadyotin

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Nugprachun Kiatkumchai
1. Arcadej Singjomthong
2. Dedkad Kiatbunyong
3. Sangthong Chanjeelar
4. Kolnyuth P. Punyuth
5. Santhi Donjadee
6. Manus Lo-ngerng
7. Kunphollek Sakornphitak
8. Nongthom Singthanongsak
9. Salatan Tarphoothai
10. Veerachainoi Dejavatal

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dejvarin Hollywood
1. Ponpun Sorphayathai
2. Venice Borkorsor
3. Ekaluk Singnakornlong
4. Morkasakdi Muangsurin
5. Pisvong Sithbungerd
6. Thnupetch Petch-u-bol
7. Dungprasert Sorsombutr

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Sakda Saksuree
1. Charnok U. Yuthanakarn
2. Surija Pratumvadee
3. Sakdisamai Chorsirirat
4. Duen-e-san Luklongjun
5. Kaosai Vungchomphoo
6. Kom Chartsurat
7. Mongkol Kiatjongrug
8. Prasong Sithkempetch
9. Numranam Sithmuhamad
10. Singthong Sakdicharurat

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Phaktai Lipovitan D
1. Suban Muangsurin
2. Brabtorani Luklumpakchee
3. Ali Baba Luklongtan
4. Tani Singchuevung
5. Saipha Sorphayathai
6. Sombutr Chuvatana
7. Nasai Charlermchaigym
8. Archen Sukothai
9. Num Sorphayathai
10. Seeson Muangsurin

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Dan Pisalchai
1. Phichitsuk Kor-u-sayarm
2. Chutmongkol Thairungriang
3. Monsayarm H. Mahachai
4. Wonchai Sorpenpis
5. Jimmy Sithphaidang
6. Sakolnakorn Kiatmuangtung
7. Glar Permchai
8. Den Chuvatana
9. Chandang Singchuevung
10. Santhichai Luklumphee

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Srithuncha Sithsanae
2. Ratanachai Punvit
3. Komleg Sorthanikul
4. Suriya Pratumvadee
5. Umnaj Sor. S.S. Chan
6. Graravag Petcharern
7. Borvonmongkol Singchuevung
8. Phuthai Lukminburi

Other Thai boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Vichit Muangroi-et (#2 WBA junior featherweight), Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh (#5 WBA junior flyweight; #3 WBC).

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Gerry Cooney KO'd Ken Norton, 1
Marvis Frazier TKO'd Steve Zouski, 6
Jimmy Clark iced Kid Samson, 6
Rod Smith knocked out Dick Goldstein, 1
Stephen Tangstad kayoed Mark Kacher, 3
Alfonzo Ratliff TKO'd Dave Starkey, 2
Henry Sims stopped Ed Smith, 3
Steffen Tangstad iced Stanley Johnson, 1
Elijah Tillery outpointed Fred Brown, 6
Mike Fisher kayoed Ron Huston, 3
Guy Casale halted Ray James, 4
Joe Risoli knocked out Woodie Hawkins, 2
Tony Tucker stopped Chip Taylor, 7
Jeff Shelburg knocked out Roy Cookie Wallace, 2
Pinklon Thomas halted Lee Mitchell, 1

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Matthew Saad Muhammad
kayoed Murray Sutherland, 9
(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight title)
Rocky Lee Burkey knocked out Greg McPherson, 10
Jimmy Anderson stopped Robert Charles, 2
Tom McNeece stopped John Powell, 1
Abelardo Ramos kayoed Larry Myers, 3
Rafael Zamora decisioned Jimmy Ownes, 6
Gene Vangarelli knocked out Eddie Gray, 3
Robert McFarland outpointed Akbar Muhammad, 8
Elvis Parks kayoed Don Bester, 1
Jay Strickland TKO'd Marcus Dorsey, 2
Leroy Murphy stopped Reggie Walker, 2
Marvin Camel defeated Rahim Muhammad, 10
Tony Green and Rodell Dupree drew, 8
Ramon Ranquillo TKO'd Frankie Hines, 2
Chris Schwenke knocked out Vincente Medina, 1
Lamont Kirkland stopped Earl Thomas, 1

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Wilford Scypion outpointed Curtis Parker, 10
Norberto Sabater defeated
Jesus "Pecho" Castro, 8
Carl Crowley knocked out Frank Anest, 5
Willie Alexander TKO'd Rocky Molina, 2
Charlie Hecker stopped Ali Perez, 7
Umberto de Los Rios knocked out Jose Pacheco, 2
Vic Deloney outpointed Greg Hutchinson, 6
Alex Ramos defeated Bill White, 8
Doug DeWitt knocked out Kevin Cheatem, 1
John Collins iced Nathan Kareem, 1
John Collins kayoed James Harris, 1
Bob Coolidge knocked out Kenny Heflin, 2
Billy Bradley outscored Steve Wetzell, 6
Mike Sacchetti kayoed Kevin Straughter, 1
Mark Medal TKO'd Fernando Collazo, 1
Alex Ramos outpointed Bill Tuttle, 8
Tony Cerda stopped Randy Holmes, 4

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Rocco Mattioli stopped Steve Hopkins, 9
Gary Guiden TKO'd Odell Leonard, 4
(Won USBA Light Middleweight title)
Reinaldo Rogue kayoed Dewud Bahar, 3
Nino Gonzalez knocked out Steve Delgado, 7
Curtis Ramsey knocked out German Cuello, 7
Mark French outpointed Harlan Holden, 6
Lenny LaPaglia kayoed Eugene Jennings, 1
Jimmy Heair decisioned Charlie Peterson, 10
Dale Jackson knocked out Billy Goodwin, 6
Brian Brunette outpointed Larry Ward, 8
Gary Holmgren TKO'd Darrell Green, 4
Kevin Moley stopped Frankie Mann, 2
Graylin halted Martin Garibay, 1
Gordy Lawson upended Joe Banks, 3
Roosevelt Green knocked out Hudson Jackson, 2
Wayne Caplette outpointed Kenny Bristol, 10
Tony Braxton stopped Clint Jackson, 9

WELTERWEIGHTS
Thomas Hearns Kayoed Randy Shields, 13
(Retained WBA Welterweight Title)
Marlon Starling knocked out Miguel Hernandez, 8
Hector Camacho iced Jerry Strickland, 2
Steve Chase decisioned Johnny Herbert, 8
Francisco Roche defeated Sam Wilson, 6

Amateur Ratings

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1-Joe Thomas, Montgomery County, Pa
2-Michael Arms, Milwaukee, Wisc.
3-Craig Payne, Detroit
4-Kevin Sheeley, Minneapolis
5-Tyrone Biggs, Philadelphia
6-Greg Stallings, Trenton, Tenn.
7-Carl Williams, New York City
8-Brian Westmoreland, St. Louis
9-Tony Robitaille, Colchester, Vt.
10-Joe Ballard, Lynchburg, Va.
Andrew Stokes, Lafayette, Ind.

178 LBS.
1-David Sears, New York City
2-Johnny Williams, Chicago
3-Lonnie Epps, Los Angeles
4-Bernard Gordon, Jackson, Tenn.
5-Zewat Hughes, Cleveland
6-Jesse Shelby, Honolulu
7-Stanley Smith, Omaha
8-Clifford May, Council Grove, Kans.
9-Alex DeLucia, Portland, Ore.
10-Calvin Jackson, Marines

165 LBS.
1-Donald Lee, Houston
2-Randy Smith, Chicago
3-Pedro Van Raamsdonk, Los Angeles
4-Rodney Green, Detroit
5-William Trendley, St. Louis
6-Dennis Milton, New York City
7-Andy May, Clarksville, Ark.
8-Andy Schott, New Paltz, N.Y.
9-Michael Grogan, Atlanta
10-Emilio Amantine, Army

156 LBS.
1-Alfred Mayes, St. Louis
2-Ramon Nieto, New York City
3-Brian Matthews, Chicago
4-Derrick Drane, Honolulu
5-Charles Campbell, Knoxville
6-David McCall, Des Moines
7-John Jackson, Seattle
8-Joe Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
9-Joe Spitler, Hutchinson, Kans.
10-Jack Padia, Penngrove, Calif.
Noel Tucker, New York City

147 LBS.
1-Manuel Vallejo, Los Angeles
2-Lewis Howard, St. Louis
3-Darryl Robinson, Houston
4-Gene Hatcher, Fort Worth
5-Tim Christensen, Marines
6-Mark Breland, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7-Roman George, Lafayette, La.
8-Darrell Stubblefield, Spokane
9-Willie Harris, Philadelphia
10-Alan Hetrick, Tampa, Fla.

139 LBS.
1-Henry Hughes, Cleveland
2-Vincent Webb, St. Louis
3-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
4-Robin Blake, Levelland, Tex.
5-Arnold Wells, Davison, Mich.
6-James Mitchell, Army
7-Jerry Page, Columbus
8-Bret Summers, Everett, Wash.
9-John Puente, Toledo
10-David Collet, Metairie, La.
Bryant Ware, Brooklyn, N.Y.

132 LBS.
1-Joe Manley, Army
2-Michael Dominguez, New York City
3-Primo Ramos, Chicago
4-Billy White, St. Louis
5-Frankie Randall, Morristown, Tenn.
6-Kenny Taylor, Cleveland
7-Timmy Rabon, Lafayette, La.
8-Chris Silva, Corpus Christi, Tex.
9-Ramon Estrada, Tucson
10-Richard Laster, Miami
Donnie Branch, W. Carrolton, Ohio

125 LBS.
1-Rodney Watts, Cleveland, Ohio
2-Clifford Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
3-Irving Mitchell, Army
4-Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.
5-Dino Ramirez, La Puente, Calif.
6-Joe Johnson, Detroit
7-James Cooper, St. Louis
8-Charlie Brown, Chicago
9-Ray Nash, Minneapolis
10-Benji Marquez, Denver
Rey Ordonio, Suisun, Calif.

119 LBS.
1-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
2-Richard Savage, West Monroe, La.
3-Tony Montoya, Salt Lake City
4-William Johnson, Washington, D.C.
5-Tommy Ayers, Cincinnati
6-John Collins, Jackson, Tenn.
7-Larry Gary, Phoenix
8-Randy King, Nashville
9-Ronald Byrd, Flint, Mich.
10-Lawrence Howie, Army
Kelvin Seabrook, Charlotte, N.C.

112 LBS.
1-Ronnie Rentz, Albuquerque
2-Rowdy Welch, Spokane
3-Conrad Sanchez, Austin, Tex.
4-Ronald Freeman, St. Louis
5-Floyd Favors, Washington, D.C.
6-Joe DeVoll, Fall River, Mass.
7-Rocky Young, Moundsville, W. Va.
8-Roosevelt McCullum, Joliet, Ill.
9-Darryl Savoy, Lafayette, La.
10-Manuel Soto, Salt Lake City
Tony Pruitt, St. Louis

106 LBS.
1-Jesse Benavides, Corpus Christi, Tex.
2-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
3-Steve McCrory, Detroit
4-Paul Gonzales, Los Angeles
5-Luis Gonzales, New York City
6-Jose Rosario, Paterson, N.J.
7-Alex Silva, Los Angeles
8-Terry McNeil, Knoxville
9-Lee Cargle, Hutchinson, Kans.
10-Joe Martinez, Fresno
Dolphin Moody, St. Louis

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James Manning outscored Mario Norega, 8
Don Curry Sample TKO'd Danny Favella, 5
Bobby Joe Young smashed Greg Harper, 4
Danny Campbell battered Billy Page, 2
Charles LeCour kayoed Manny Gonzales, 4
Eddie Rogers nipped Jimmy Johnston, 6

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Miguel Montilla kayoed Domingo Ayala, 3
Willie "Fireball" Rodriguez
outpointed Dale Hernandez, 12
(Regained USBA Junior Welterweight Title)
Luis Palma stopped Sergio Perez, 1
Bill Costello TKO'd Trevor Evelyn, 5
Eddie Nuro outpointed Ricardo Jiminez, 10
Raul Bencomo decisioned Roberto Garcia, 10
Jeff Gettemy and Wayne Ingram drew, 6
Gene Hatcher bombed Kenneth Sheppard, 1
Ronnie Shields stopped Jose Hernandez, 2
Terry Whitaker knocked out Mike Norman, 1
Rocky Ramon halted Hedgeman Robinson, 3
Raul Bencomo outscored Roberto Garcia, 10
Terry Silver halted Joe Zamora, 4
Luis Palma decisioned Idika Nsofor, 6
Eddie Nuno outpointed Ricardo Jimenez, 10

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Joey Gibilisco knocked out Charlie Nash, 6
(Won European lightweight title)
Barry Michael outpointed Langton Tinago, 15
(Won Commonwealth Lightweight title)
Curtis Harris TKO'd Ken Saale, 1
Tony Baltazar defeated Derrin Stovall, 10
Art Frias TKO'd Bobby Perez, 2
Brian Tinker decisioned Joey Ortega, 8
Brian Tinker stopped Jose Lopes, 2
Richard Lord iced Alvin West, 6
Vicente Mijares kayoed Ernesto Gonzales, 4
James "Bubba" Busceme
outscored Jose Cabera, 10
Jose Luis Ramirez decisioned
Ezequiel Cocoa Sanchez, 10
Dave Odem outpointed Dave Gordon, 6
Livingstone Bramble halted Andre Cain, 2
Gino Perez TKO'd Gary Barlow, 2
Blaine Dickson outscored Roy Hernandez, 10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Jose Resendez and Danny Aguilera drew, 10
Ricky Wallace stopped Sal Lujan, 6
Louie Loy defeated Jose Pacheco, 3
John Verderosa knocked out Ron Aurit, 7
Ruben Munoz kayoed Ruben Puente, 8
Roosevelt Rico knocked out Gaby Cantera, 4
Nico Perez outpointed James Martinez, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Kalvin Lampkin defeated Ruben Castillo, 10
Young Ali knocked out Raga Murphy, 11
(Won West African featherweight title)
Paul DeVorce outpointed Santos Cruz, 6
Carmelo Negron kayoed Edwin Santiago, 3
Wayne Lynum outscored Robert Moody, 6
Robert Ruvaldino TKO'd Sergio Reyes, 6
Margarito Marquez defeated
Alfonso Rodriguez, 10
Richard Savala outpointed Pat Cardenas, 10
Johnny Carter stopped Danny Aguilera, 1

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Mario Chavez outpointed Franco Torregoza, 10
Robert Anderson decisioned Javier Barajas, 8
Jaime Garza stopped Alejandro Flores, 2

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Lorenzo Ramirez kayoed Alberto Ariosi, 2
Simon Torres knocked out Eusebio Herrera, 2
Gilberto Villacana outscored Silverio Martinez, 8
Don Nisivoccia stopped Glenn Richardson, 3

FLYWEIGHTS
Chul-Ho Kim decisioned Jiro Watanabe, 15
(Retained WBC Super Flyweight title)
Ramon Nery knocked out Orlando Maldonado, 8

The attendance was 10,000. (This is Vichit's home town.)
(03-07-81)

▲ **UBOL-RACHATHANI PROVINCE—Ubol Stadium** — Thai welterweight champ Satanfa S. Pratip, 149, won a unanimous decision over former champion Mana Premchai, 155, a southpaw, eight.
(03-15-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Arcadej Singjomthong, 122, stopped Sombutr Chuvatana, also 122, in the second round of a scheduled sixer.
(03-17-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Paophan S. Phayathai, 123, won a split decision over Tuanthong Sornphajon, 124, six.
(03-16-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Ekaluk Singnakornlong, the TBC's eighth ranked junior bantam, outscored prospect Wandech Sithdanchai, 124, six.
(03-06-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Maragot Yontrakit, 112, won a unanimous decision over Niphonyuth Sakadam, 114, six.
(03-02-81

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Hard-punching rookie Salatan Traphoothai, 126, demolished older Khanordintara Singhsongphol, also 126, in the fourth frame of their scheduled six-rounder.
(03-01-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kwanchai S. Pengpis, 109, outpointed former kick-boxer Sabaithong Rochanathep, 110, six.
(02-27-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Young Paophan S. Phayathai, 122, was floored by Padang Petchboon, 123, in the first round, but he got up, fought back, and disposed of Padang before the round's conclusion. It was scheduled for six.
(02-26-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Phichitsuk Kor-usayarm, 114, won unanimous decision over Sritanya Sithsaneh, also 114, six. Phichitsuk, the TBC's top ranked flyweight contender, is a southpaw.
(02-25-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Mongkol Kiatjongrug, 114, knocked out Jimmy Sithphaidand, also 114, with a left hook in the second frame of their scheduled six-rounder.
(02-23-81)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Former Thai flyweight champion Saifah S. Phayahthai, 118, made a comeback. He looked good for a few rounds, but then collapsed in the fourth round against Sombutr Chuvatana, also 118. A couple of good shots to the solar plexus did the ex-champ in. It was scheduled for six.
(02-18-81)

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NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **SUTHERLAND—United Services Club**—Unbeaten Ken Salisbury, 155, won a narrow verdict over Kelly Thompson, 154, 10.

Jim Crilly, 135, outpointed Willie Leslie, 134, six.

Four-rounders: Glenn Baker, 150, halted Gary Nixon, 154, in the second. Albert Singh, 135, outscored Rod Parker, 139. Rod Bell, 128, TKO'd Gary Shillo, 130, in the third
(03-10-81)

▲ **ORANGE—Ex-Services Club**—Former amateur star Gary Williams, 130, a southpaw, survived a last round knockdown to outscore Big Jim West, 129, 10.

Frank Carlson, 120, outpointed Patrick Burnes, 118, 10.

Ian Gino Walker, 161, decisioned Elley Dennis, 163, eight.

Patrick Wong (AKA Patrick Young), 128, TKO'd Mark McLachlan, also 128, in the first round of a scheduled sixer.

Jamie Lewis, 149, TKO'd Simon Kirkness, 150, in the fourth round of their scheduled six.

Bob Jarvis, 184, and Bob Wharton, 181, drew, four.
(03-11-81)

▲ **AUBURN—R.S.L. Club**—Tommy Roberts, 142, outscored ever trying Dawsie Kelly, also 142, 10, in a good bout. Roberts looks to be a comer.

Jim Crilly, 132, outpointed Speedo Duke, 137, six.

Manuel Trickillis, 140, outscored Tony Campbell, also 140, four.

Charles Caine, 141, outpointed Jack Gibbons, also 141, three.
(03-13-81)

▲ **MUDGEE**—Southpaw Dennis Talbot, 130, retained his Australasian junior lightweight crown by easily outpointing Rex Cannon, 130, Queensland, 12.

Rocky Warren, 126¾, TKO'd Paul Talbot, 132¼, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Manuel Trickillis, 144½, and Mick Thompson, 153¼, drew, six.

Lou Williams, 135, outscored Brett Dunn, 128¼, four.
(03-14-81)

▲ **WAGGA WAGGA—Riverina Football Club**—Ken Eldridge, 183, edged out Reno Zurik, 188, 10.

Gil McGrath, 154, and Russell Nunn, 152, drew, six.

Wayne Meredith, 154, TKO'd Lindsay Goode, 160, in the sixth and final round.

John Burley, 138, outscored Kenny Holt, 142, four.

Three-rounders: Mick Stillinato, 144, outpointed Guy Western, 145. Steve Finlayson, 128, and Mick Frazer, 124, drew. Joe Todaro, 138, outscored Basil Crowe, 144.
(03-21-81)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club**—Brian Roberts, 122, retained his Australian junior featherweight title with a 12-round draw with Chris Bennett, 120½. From ringside, Roberts appeared to have won comfortably. It was, however, a good bout, a classy boxing contest.

Six-rounders: Cracker Butcher, 142, kayoed Lucky Campbell, 139, in the fourth. Wayne Wallace, 127, and Sparrow Freeman, 125, drew. Vesi Taoi, 141, outpointed Albert Singh, 138.
(03-25-81)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Willi Tarika, 134, outpointed Paul Baker, 135, 10, to retain his N.S.W. lightweight title. Tarika, who took the State title from Baker about seven months before, has now met Paul six times. Willi has won all the battles.

Mac Foster, 165, knocked out Hughie Taggart, 166, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Six-rounders: Mac Foster, 165, knocked out Hughie Taggart, 166, in the fourth. Vesi Taoi, 141, outpointed Lucky Campbell, 137. Cracker Butcher, 142, outscored Ray Cannon, 143.
(04-01-81)

▲ **MERRYLANDS—R.S.L. Club**—Kelly Thompson, 147, outpointed Mick Thompson (no relation), also 147, 10.

Larry Valesini, 134½, outscored John Cotterill, 134½, six.

Rod Bell, 130, and Lloyd Hanna, 134½, drew, six.

Mick Conditis, 134½, outpointed Mark Aquilina, 129, four.
(04-03-81)

▲ **SUTHERLAND—United Services Club**—Fijian Gary Rosen, 134, who has been living and boxing in Australia for the past five years, outpointed Jim Crilly, 134, 10. Rosen displayed good counter-punching and boxed well. The bout was well worth seeing, and it drew a very large shower of coins and notes from the ringsiders. (In fact, most of the contests seen in New South Wales during the past month have been showered. Good matchmaking!

Roy Hughes, 130, and Sparrow Freeman, 126, drew, six. This was Freeman's 87th pro fight since he started in 1978.)

Charles Caine, 153, and Bobby Frederick, 154, drew, five.
(04-07-81)

▲ **ORANGE—Ex-Services Club**—Gary Williams, 129, halted the aggressive Queensland southpaw, Greg Liesegang, 132, at the end of six rounds in a scheduled 10.

Lindsay Roberts, 132, knocked out Willie Leslie, 135, with a left hook in the ninth round of their scheduled 10. Roberts is one of the best left hookers in the business.

Ian Walker, 150, outscored Elley Dennis, 150, six. Elley is Steve's brother.

Four-rounders: Mark Aquilina, 127, outpointed Mark McLachlan, 126. Bob Jarvis, 196, and Jeff Naughton, 186, drew.
(04-08-81)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Steve Aczel, 183½, won a lopsided decision over Maile Haumona, 205, 10. Aczel dominated all the way, and the fans wondered how Haumona had managed to hold Steve to a draw in Papua New Guinea last year.

Layton-Taylor Promotions had originally billed this contest for the "vacant heavyweight championship of Australia" and scheduled it for 15 rounds. Tony Mundine, however, is the true Australian heavyweight (and light heavyweight) ruler, having won that title from Haumona by kayo in 1977 and defended it by halting Aczel in his last defense eight months ago. He took Layton-Taylor to court over the matter, and Federal Justice Ellicott ordered L-T to acknowledge Mundine as Australian heavyweight champion, apologize to Tony, and offer him a contest under their promotion. The acknowledgment, apology, and offer, said the judge, had to appear in newspaper advertisements.

Layton-Taylor Promotions immediately announced that Aczel and Haumona would fight an "elimination," dropped the rounds from 15 to 10, and lowered the admission prices.

Brain Janssen, 140, outpointed Mick Binnie, 144, 10.

Four-rounders: Guy Parker, 142, kayoed Richard Aubrey, 135, in the first round. Derek Wilmott, 126, knocked out Harold Bond, 133, in the second.
(03-30-81)

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Brian Janssen, 138, the best prospect in Australia, TKO'd Billy Facer, 136¾, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10 to take the latter's Queensland junior welter title.

Billy Johnstone, 155, halted Andrew Palermo, 151¾, N.S.W., in the fifth round of another scheduled 10.

Guy Parker, 143, kayoed Peter Liesegang, 139, in the second frame of a scheduled four-round bout. Peter is Greg's brother.
(03-16-81)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

▲ **PARAFIELD**—Laurie Mack, 156, halted Greg Crowe, 158, in the ninth round via a cut eye. It was scheduled for 10.

Reno Zurik, 179, outscored Jim Gillon, 167, 10.

Kevin Franklin, 149, TKO'd Wayne Meredith, 147, in the seventh. Wayne's cuts forced the ref to call a halt.
(03-28-81)

VICTORIA

▲ **DEDERANG**—Mick Barber, 128, outpointed Sparrow Freeman, 124, in the action packed eight-round main bout.

Four-rounders: Lucky Campbell, 135, outscored Wayne Meredith, 142. Ron Keilor, 150, and Lindsay Goode, 151, drew.

Three-rounders: Kid McKie, 147, outpointed Shane Clancy, also 147. Steve Finlayson, 128, halted Greg Ward, 133, in the second.
(03-13-81)

▲ **PRESTON—Town Hall**—Andy Broome, 139, beat Kid Preston, 138½, on a foul in round 11 of a scheduled 12-round bout. Preston was disqualified for hitting Broome while the latter was on the canvas.

This bout was billed as for the vacant Australian junior welterweight title. By no stretch of iogic, though, could this have been a title bout. The Australian junior welter champ is Peter Berrigan, the undefeated boxer who won the vacant crown weeks earlier in New South Wales. Berrigan was ranked number one at the time, with his opponent, Graham Bell, ranked second. The title had been vacant since the retirement of Jeff Malcolm in February.

Preston, with more losses than wins in his record, was not even Victoria State champion. He'd met Rocky Vilella for that crown five months ago and lost.

If Berrigan had taken the promoters to court, as Mundine did, Andy Broome would probably have been swept off his cardboard throne.

Mick King, 153, outpointed Julian Free, 154, three. (03-25-81)

FIJI

▲ **SUVA**—Sakaraia Ve, 147, was announced as having won his 10-round bout with Steve Dennis, also 147, Australia. The two judges scored the fight a draw, also while the referee carded for Ve.

The decision, though, must be recorded as a draw. A situation wherein two officials score the bout a draw results in a drawn bout anywhere in the world.

A spokesman said the total points of the three officials showed Ve ahead, 291-289. Ve, therefore, was the winner. How ridiculous! Let us say that two officials had carded for Ve, 96-95, and 96-95, while the third official scored the bout for Dennis 97-94. That is two for Ve and one for Dennis, but, if you add those points, the total is 287 for Dennis, and 286 for Ve. Would Dennis be crowned winner with this scoring? I'd bet my boots he wouldn't.

The true result of the Ve-Dennis contest was a draw, and it must be recorded as such. (03-14-81)

NEW ZEALAND

▲ **AUCKLAND**—Danny Aguilar, 118¼, won a split decision over Wayne Mulholland, 118½, Australia, in a fast, exciting eight-round bout.

Peter Samuela outscored Mick King, Australia, six.
(03-30-81)

▲ **WELLINGTON**—John Taupau, New Zealand, stopped Mac Foster, Australia, in the second round of a 10-round light heavyweight affair. (03-16-81)

RAY MITCHELL

GOLDEN GLOVES

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Times Square still looks seedy, but the Big Apple is certainly making a comeback in amateur boxing. Father Knickerbocker's sons took nine out of 11 bouts from the Chicago team for their fourth series win since 1977—when the annual New York-Chicago tourney was revived.

106—Luis Gonzalez, Bronx, began the night's festivities by halting Robert Espinoza of Chicago at 1:16 of the second, when referee Edward J. Urbec of Shrewsbury, Mass. stopped the contest after giving Robert two standing eight-counts. Gonzalez, 19, represents the PAL's Lynch Center.

112-John Picart, New York, won a disputed verdict over Roosevelt McCullom, Chicago. Roosevelt lost a point for holding, and that may have cost him the decision. Carmen Williamson, referee.

119—Tyrone Jackson, 20, of Manhattan, knocked out Otis Thompson of Chicago with a dynamic right hand in 1:46 of the first round. This was a clean knockout . Loring Baker, referee.

125—Charles Brown, Jr. (who is not, as some have claimed, the son of a *Ring* correspondent), Chicago, won a close decision over Wayne Anderton of the ENTER 25th Pct. Anthony Filipelli, referee.

132—Michael Dominguez, a 24-year-old handyman from Manhattan, had too much poise for Chicago's Primo Ramos, winning via points. Dick McGuire, referee.

139—Roberto Mejia, New York, outpointed J.C. Camel, Jr., Chicago. Stan Hamilton, referee.

147—Mark Breland, a 17-year-old Eastern District high school senior from Brooklyn, knocked down Chicago's Ephriam Bennett with a right and finished him at 1:06 of the first round. Anthony Filipelli, referee.

156—Ramon Nieto, New York, a 24-year-old hospital worker, knocked down Bryan Matthews in the third and won a clear points verdict. Loring Baker, referee.

165—Randy Smith, Chicago, won a close decision over Dennis Milton, Bronx. Carmen Williamson, referee.

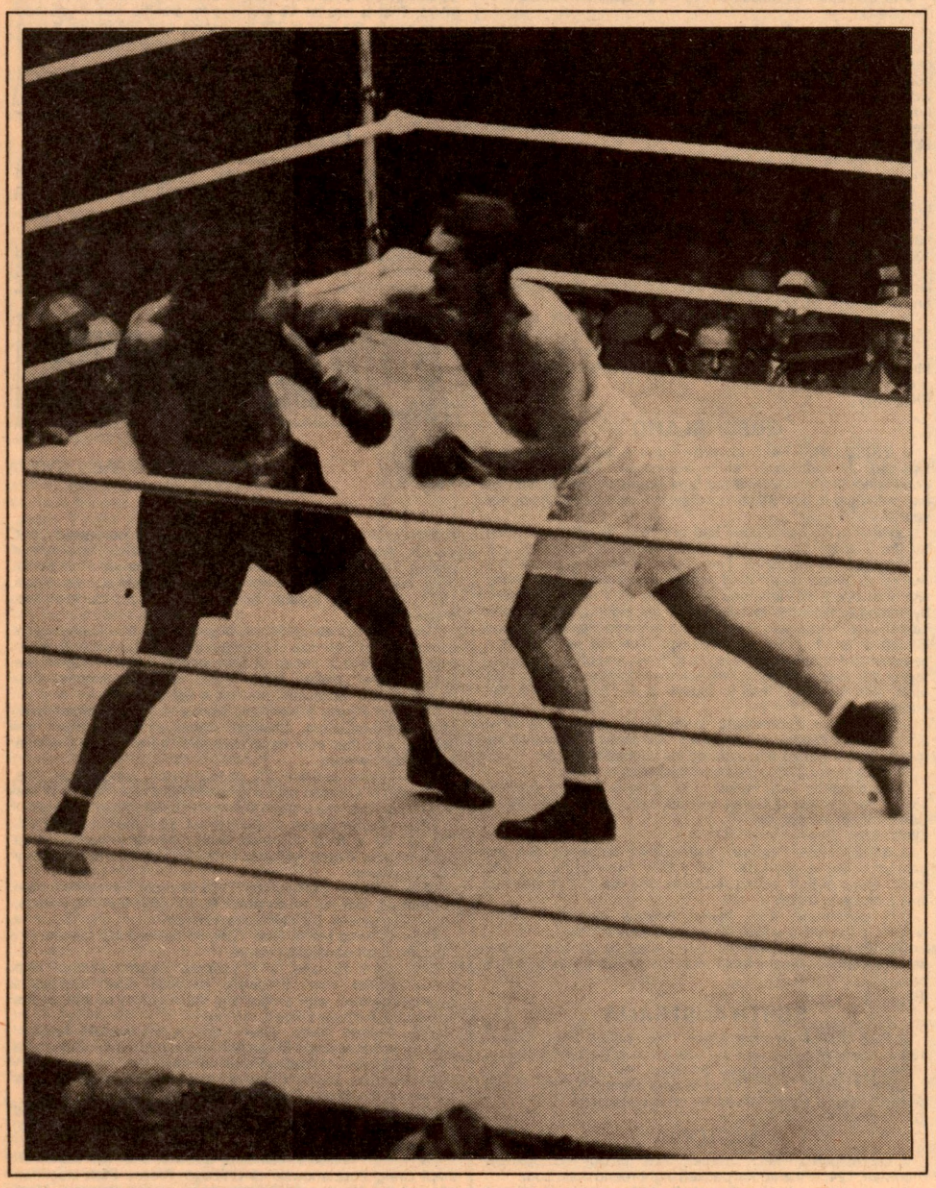
178—David Sears, Howard Beach, Queens, won a lopsided verdict over Johnny Williams of Chicago. Edward J. Urbec, referee.

HVT—Carl Williams, Jamaica, Queens, beat the trunks off inept Craig Bodzianowski of Chicago. Rferee Stan Hamilton allowed the 19-year-old Chicagoan to go the distance. Most fights like this are halted in the amateurs.
(04-27-81)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

FOR THE RECORD

It is a known fact that most athletes do not retire while they're still able to compete at a high level of performance. Boxing is no exception to this rule. In boxing, though, most



Tunney (above) and Moore (opposite) both made the last one count

boxers remain in the game until they are literally knocked out of it. Much too frequently the last entry in a boxer's record will read "KO by . . .". Even boxers who have demonstrated exceptional ring skills and have become champions do not seem to be able to quit while ahead.

The 425 ring champions whose records appear in the 1980 *Ring Record Book* had an average winning percentage of 83% throughout their ring careers. Yet in their final bouts only 29% were able to "emerge victorious" as Harry Balogh would say. Of the 425 champions, 82 were active in either 1978 or 1979 and cannot be considered to have fought their last bout. The remaining 343 show a last bout record of 90 wins, 220 losses, and 33 draws—or no decisions—with 122 of those losses by knockout. It is sad to reflect that 36% of the champions were knocked out in their final bouts while throughout their careers they were knocked out in only 3% of their bouts.

But, looking at the positive side, 90 boxers *did* retire on a winning note and 33 of them scored knockouts. Let us hope that today's champions will be able to go out on top and leave us with pleasant memories of their skills rather than the awful picture of a champion suffering a beating because time has eroded his once-great talents.

BY JOHN GRASSO

CHAMPIONS WHO WON THEIR FINAL BOUT BY KNOCKOUT

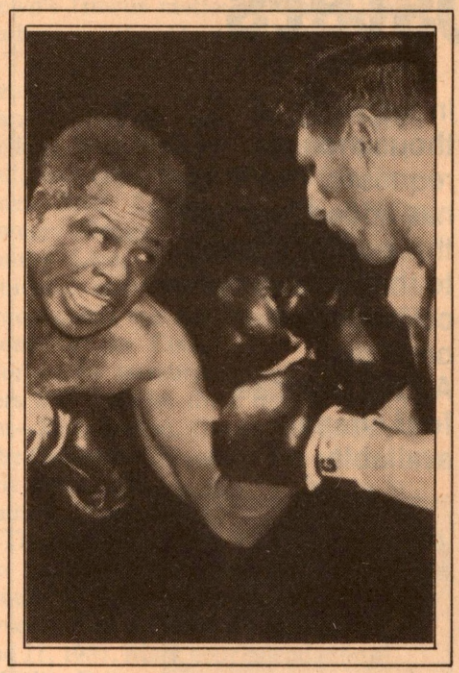
FLYWEIGHTS
MASAO OHBA 1973
EFREN TORRES 1972
SALVATORE BURRUNI 1969
PONE KINGPETCH 1966

BANTAMWEIGHTS
RAUL MACIAS 1962
VIC TOWEEL 1954
CHARLES LEDOUX 1926
JOE BOWKER 1919

LIGHTWEIGHTS
RODOLFO GONZALEZ 1974
PEDRO CARRASCO 1972
IKE WILLIAMS 1955
AL SINGER 1935

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
PAUL FUJII 1970
JACK (KID) BERG 1945

WELTERWEIGHTS
TED (KID) LEWIS 1929
JIM FERNS 1906



JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
FRED LITTLE 1972

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
RANDY TURPIN 1964
AL HOSTAK 1949
TIGER FLOWERS 1927
LES DARCY 1916
STANLEY KETCHEL 1910

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
JOSE TORRES 1969
EDDIE COTTON 1967
ARCHIE MOORE 1963
BILLY CONN 1948
BOB OLIN 1939
*MAXIE ROSENBLOOM 1939
JACK DELANEY 1932
GEORGES CARPENTIER 1926

HEAVYWEIGHTS
JAMES ELLIS 1975
SONNY LISTON 1970
ROCKY MARCIANO 1955
GENE TUNNEY 1928
JOHN L. SULLIVAN 1905

*Maxie Rosenbloom won only 18 of 289 bouts by knockout—a percentage of .062

CHAMPIONS' FINAL BOUTS

CLASS	CHAMPIONS	ACTIVE IN 1978-79	KO	WD	WF	D	LD	LF	KO BY	ND	NC	W-L%
JR. FLYWEIGHT	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
FLYWEIGHT	41	10	4	5	0	3	9	0	10	0	0	.321
BANTAMWEIGHT	52	6	4	4	1	5	15	3	12	2	0	.231
JR. FEATHERWEIGHT	8	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	.500
FEATHERWEIGHT	48	6	0	6	0	1	14	1	18	2	0	.154
JR. LIGHTWEIGHT	21	3	0	4	0	1	7	0	6	0	0	.235
LIGHTWEIGHT	37	6	4	4	0	1	8	0	12	2	0	.286
JR. WELTERWEIGHT	22	6	2	3	0	1	3	0	6	0	1	.357
WELTERWEIGHT	48	7	2	13	1	2	7	1	13	2	0	.432
JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT	19	9	1	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	.400
MIDDLEWEIGHT	50	3	5	6	0	1	18	0	13	4	0	.262
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	40	8	8	2	0	1	4	0	15	2	0	.345
HEAVYWEIGHT	31	5	5	2	0	0	5	0	13	1	0	.280
TOTALS	**425**	**82**	**35**	**53**	**2**	**17**	**93**	**5**	**122**	**15**	**1**	**.290**

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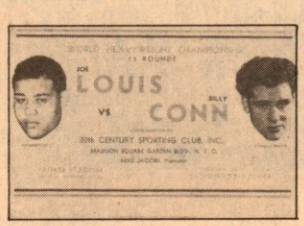

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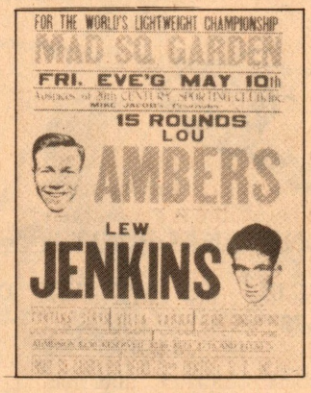

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VETERAN

VBA RING 8 OF NEW YORK HELD ITS 26TH Annual dinner and dance last March 29th at the Holiday Inn in New York City. Their three honorees were: Gerry Cooney, leading heavyweight contender of the world; Johnny Colan, former middleweight contender of the forties; and Julien N. Mayer, financial secretary of Ring 8. 450 were on hand to honor these three fine men. Seated on the dais were President Phil Rutha; Charlie Gellman, President of the Jewish Memorial Hospital; Ray Arcel, world prominent trainer; Bill Gallo, celebrated sports cartoonist of the New York *Daily News;* past Presidents Corp. Izzy Schwartz, Johnny DeFoe, and Al Reid; Scoop Gallello, President of the IVBA; Ray Kozak; Mark Hough; Danny Koplick; Phil Terranova, Ex-Featherweight Champion; and yours truly. Mickey Katz served as Emcee.

Some of yesteryear's fistic greats present were: Artie Levine, Danny Kapilow, Herbie Kronowitz, Carmine Fatta, Eddie Blunt, Sammy Markowitz, Dom Della Rocca, Joe Mulli, Steve Riggio, Irish Jimmie White, Harold Besser, Curly Nichols, Victor Valle, Frankie Martin, Chico Vejar, Nickie Gerard, Petey Della, Emile Guisti, Harry Mizler, Benny Caplan, Bill Taylor, and Danny Gates together with a delegation from the London Ex-Boxers, as well as Ed Post, Abe Levine, Augie Parente, Irish Eddie Brooks, Kid Farlo, Pat Floyd, Arthur Mercante, Johnny Lobianco, Paul Venti, Vinnie Rainone, Stu Levine, Angelo Sinito, Young Reo, Leo Dazzo, Petey Burns, Joe Kid Baker, Jack Gritz, Mike Jones and Dennis Rappaport co-managers of Gerry Cooney. Plus many others, too numerous to mention.

The South Jersey Boxers & Coaches Association of Blackwood, N.J. honored the Vice President of the World Boxing Association, Robert W. Lee, at a Testimonial Dinner April 10th, 1981, held at the Town & Campus Restaurant in Elizabeth, N.J. A huge turnout was on hand to pay tribute to Bobby Lee, who is

BOXERS' BEAT

a "Boxing Man on The Move". In addition to being the Vice President of the WBA, Bob also is Deputy Commissioner for the State of New Jersey and the Ratings Chairman for the United States Boxing Association and on April 24th, 1981 was elected President of the United States Boxing Association. Lee, in each capacity, has done a fine job and gained a reputation as a very fair administrator, dedicated to the improvement of boxing safety and has always shown particular concern for the boxer. Congratulations to a well deserving person.

One week before his passing, the National Veterans Boxing Association (Rings 7-11), presented a "Salute to Joe Louis" in the Americana Room of the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many former fistic greats from the 1940s and '50s put on the gloves one more time in a special tribute to the great Brown Bomber. Some of the all-time greats who returned to action that night were: Rocky Graziano, Joey Maxim, Billy Graham, Art Aragon, Tony DeMarco, Joey Giambra, George Abrams, Mike DeJohn, Bill Poland, Joey Curtis, Harry Krause, L.C. Morgan, Joey Pace, Al Siciliano, Rocky Bronowsky, Coley Welch and Joey Volpe. Special guest referees were Tony Zale and Lou Nova. Masters of ceremonies were Pat Cooper and Sonny King from the entertainment world. The guest of honor, Joe Louis, the greatest champion of them all, sat at ringside with special guest stars Sugar Ray Robinson and Larry Holmes.

Receipts from this boxing show were donated to several organizations, including the Joe Louis and Ray Robinson Youth foundations, the NAACP, Muscular Dystrophy Association and the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Chico Vejar, the once popular welterweight contender of the fifties is now the director of public affairs for Companion Life of New York, a Mutual of Omaha affiliate. While paying a visit to Mutual's home office in Omaha, Vejar toured Father Flanagan's Boys Town and spoke enthusiastically about the work he saw being done for today's needy and indigent youth. The Boys Town Executive Director, Father Robert P. Hupp, presented Chico with a canvas illustrating Boys Town's famous motto: "He ain't heavy, Father . . . he's m' brother."

The officers of the Florida West Coast Veteran Boxers Association Ring 50 of Tampa, Florida, are: President—John Pelkey; Vice-President—Snooks Campbell; Secretary—Vance "Bud" Hall; Treasurer—Fred Luce; Sgts. at Arms—Tommy Gomez, Carl "Red" Guggino, Jimmy Leto, Chino Alverez, Manuel Quintero and Lee Sala. This veterans group meets the last Wednesday of the month at the Cuban Club in Tampa, Florida. Its membership lists 200 members and includes three former champions—Kid Gavilan, Jimmy Goodrich and Abe Goldstein (deceased). The address of this organization is: 4207 E. Yukon St., Tampa, Florida 33617.

The 1981 National VBA Convention site has been selected and will be held at Stouffer's Valley Forge Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on October 9, 10 and 11, 1981. Mark your calendar now!

Willie Felice, former tough and hard-hitting featherweight of the 1930s, began his boxing career as a flyweight in the amateurs and won Metropolitan and Long Island titles. As a pro, he fought two world champions, knocking out one of them, Tony Martino, in 1936. Willie was a regular at the old famous Ridgewood Grove, where he engaged in many tough battles. Today Willie is a top-notch trainer, working out of the New Garden Gym in New York City. Felice is credited with helping to mold a crude Vito Antuofermo, the ex-middleweight champion, into a calm and calculating fighter. He also trains Norberto Sabater, and has brought him to the near top as an undefeated serious middleweight contender. Willie states that Sabater will be the number one contender in a year and possibly another future champion. "Good luck, Willie."

Fritzie Zivic, the old champ, is in Vets Hospital, Delafield Road, Aspinwall, Pa. 15215. Fritzie could use any encouraging words from friends and fans . . .

BY CHARLIE SPINA & HARRY WARREN

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TOM BURNS: THE CHAMP

In boxing, certain names are remembered long after others have been forgotten. The price paid is obscurity—obscurity for many at the expense of immortality for a chosen few. It's a shame, because many fighters deserve to be more than just statistics in a record book.

NOBODY REMEMBERS

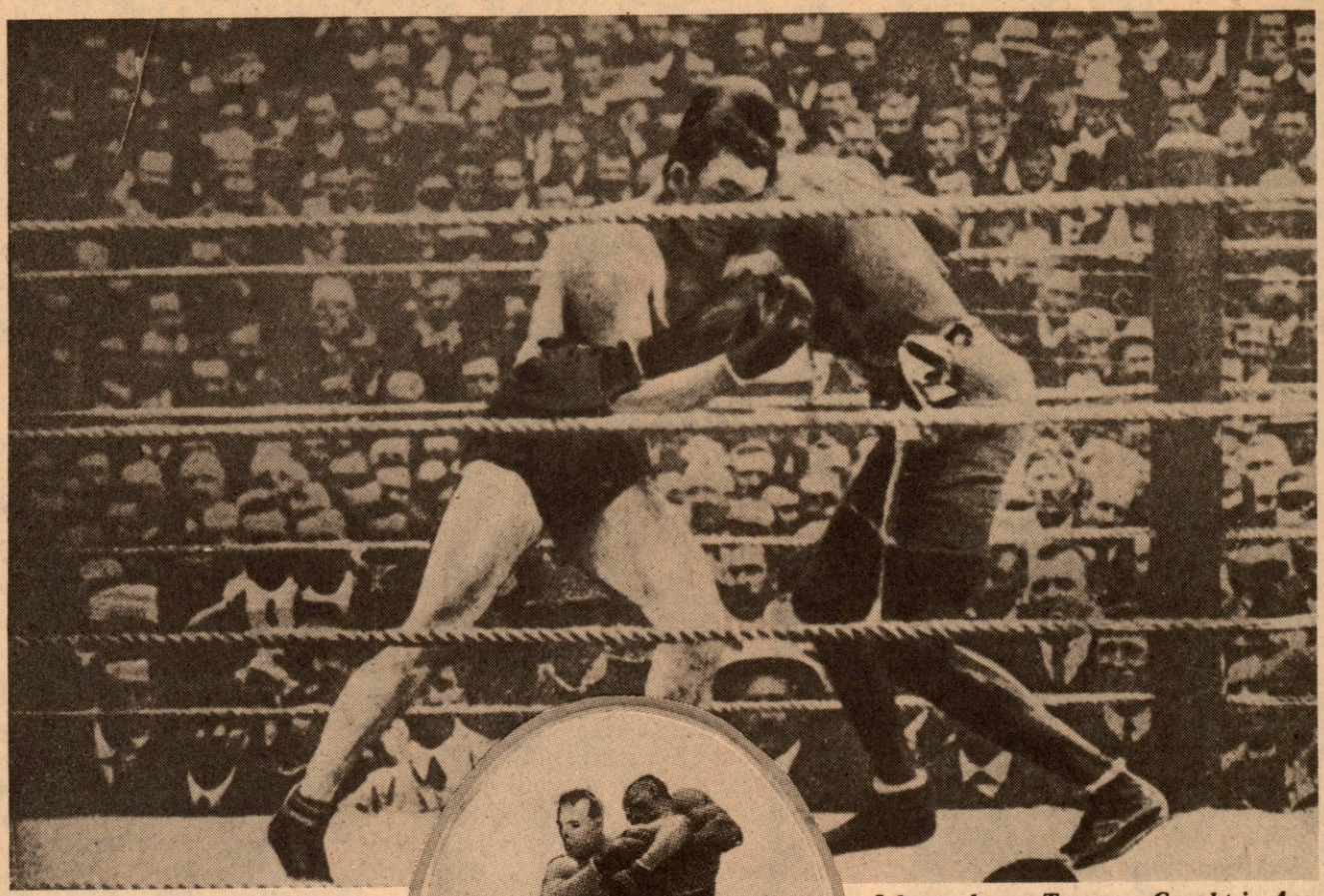
WHEN LARRY HOLMES DECISIONED Trevor Berbick recently, it broke his string of eight consecutive knockouts in heavyweight title bouts, leaving him tied for the record with Tommy Burns. Like Berbick, Burns also hailed from Canada—the country's *only* World Heavyweight Champion—yet he is remembered by many merely as the man Jack Johnson beat for the title back in 1908.

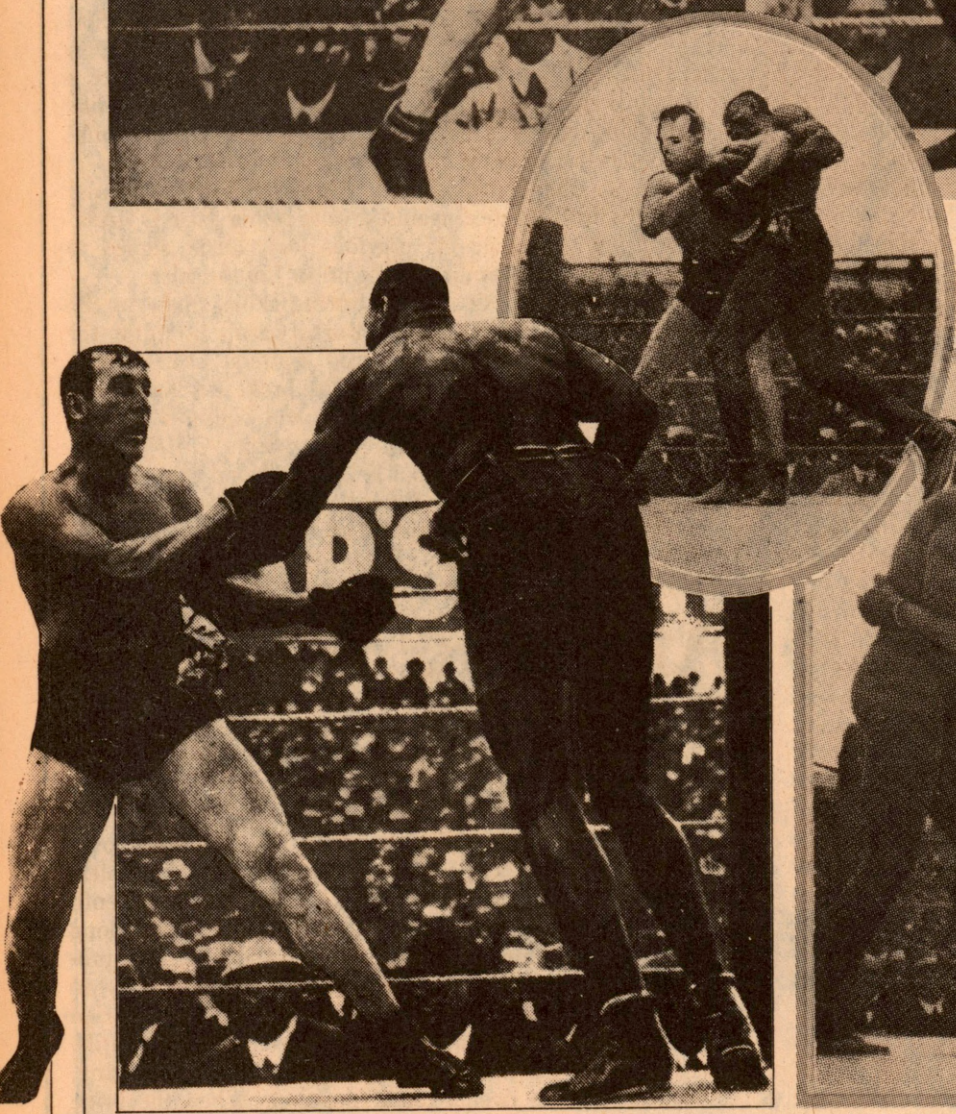
¶ But Burns had much to be remembered for. Although he stood only five feet, seven inches tall—the shortest heavyweight champion by a good three inches—and rarely weighed above 180 pounds, Burns was a good boxer, with a sharp left jab and a powerful overhand right. He possessed an unusually long reach (74½ inches) for a man his size, and was a crafty counterpuncher and ring general. Despite his small stature, he held the heavyweight title nearly three years and successfully defended it eleven times.

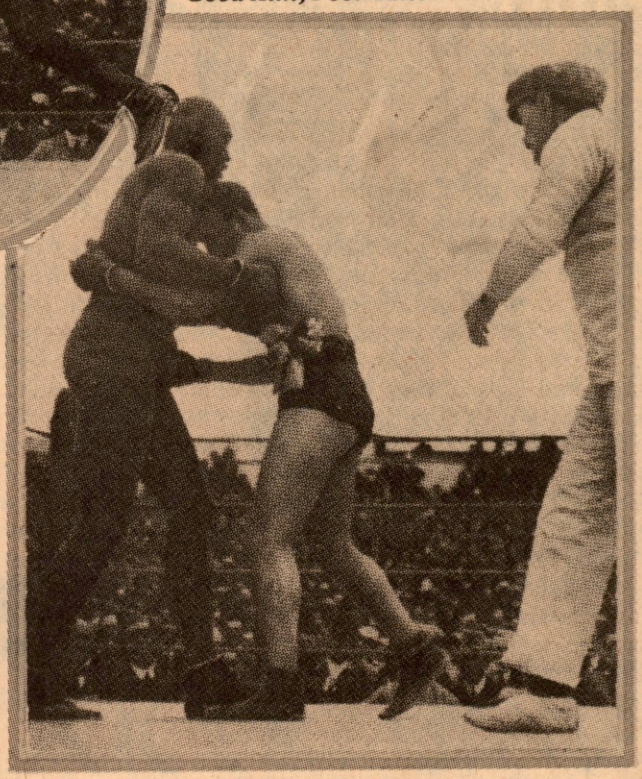
BORN NOAH BRUSSO IN HANOVER, Ontario, Canada, on June 17, 1881, "Burns" quit school early and worked at several odd jobs before entering the U.S. at the age of fourteen. He worked as a bellhop in a Detroit hotel, then returned to Canada at seventeen to play professional hockey and lacrosse. Burns probably would have stuck with hockey had fate not intervened.

¶ One night at a small Detroit fight club, in 1900, a request was made for a substitute opponent. In attendance was nineteen-year-old Noah Brusso, who had been working out at a Detroit gym to keep in shape between hockey games. Goaded by friends, he entered the ring against one Fred Thornton; and weighing all of 145 pounds, he kayoed Thornton in five, for which he got a whopping $1.25. Rematched later that year, Noah repeated the kayo, this time getting sixty dollars. He now entered boxing on a serious basis.

BY STEVEN R. NICOLAISEN







Johnson burns Tommy—Caught in Australia, "Poor Little Tahmmy" was "slaughtered." Johnson won the Heavyweight Title and the "Spitting Award." Good Aim, Poor Taste.

¶ Noah fought and won five times in 1901. He also changed his name to Tommy Burns—Noah "borrowed" it from a then-well-known jockey—so that his parents, who disapproved of his boxing, wouldn't know he was still participating in a sport he had told them he already had quit. As a welterweight, he fought frequently during the next three years, often against bigger men. In November of 1902 he suffered his first loss, a close ten-round decision to Mike Schreck, an experienced light heavyweight. He continued to fight often, scouting opponents and studying their styles to his advantage before signing to fight them. Throughout his career, Burns was to act as both his own manager and trainer. By the end of 1904, he had scored a number of kayoes, had fought a draw in a return bout with Schreck, and that October had lost a six-round decision to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. They would meet again.

¶ As 1905 began, Burns had grown into a middleweight, and was commanding larger purses. By far his biggest payday had been seven hundred dollars for a fifteen-round draw with Billy Woods the previous September, but of his six bouts for 1905, five of his purses neared or exceeded the thousand dollar mark—a lot of money in those days. Burns started the year with a twenty-round draw with Jack (Twin) Sullivan, a bout recognized by some for the disputed middleweight title. He defeated Dave Barry in twenty rounds, then fought two draws with Hugo Kelly. A knockout in twenty over Barry in return gave Burns seventeen hundred dollars, his biggest payday that year. He ended 1905 with a rematch against Sullivan, again for a portion of the middleweight title. Burns received a thousand dollars, but lost a twenty-round decision to his balding adversary. Even if he had won, Burns could not have claimed the title, as he had weighed 163 pounds, five over the then-middleweight limit. From now on, Burns would concentrate on the heavyweights.

1906 found the heavyweight title in dispute. Jim Jeffries, the champion since knocking out Bob Fitzsimmons in 1899, had announced his retirement on May 13, 1905. Marvin Hart of Louisville, Kentucky, largely on the strength of a disputed decision over Jack Johnson the previous March, was matched with Jack Root of Chicago, the first light heavyweight champion, on July 3, 1905, in Reno. Hart, saved by the bell in the seventh, rallied to knock Root out in the twelfth. Jeffries, who refereed, "Presented" Hart with "his" championship, although later he would say that a promoter did so, using Jeffries' name without permission. Regardless of who did what for and to whom, Hart now claimed the heavyweight title.

¶ Promoter Tom McCarey, looking for an opponent for Hart, offered Burns $2,400 to fight him for the title. Burns accepted and he and Hart were matched for twenty rounds on February 23, 1906, in Los Angeles.

¶ Hart entered the ring as a 2-1 favorite, but after a few rounds the odds had changed. Hart was the bigger man, but Burns used his longer reach to good advantage. By the fourth round, Hart's mouth, nose and right eye were streaming blood. In the seventh a right to the body, followed by a left to the face, sent Hart to the canvas. By the twelfth Burns was firmly in command, in the fourteenth nearly kayoed Hart, and in the final rounds Burns widened his lead. When the final bell sounded, referee Charles Eyton, his clothes spattered with Hart's blood, declared Burns the winner and new champion.

¶ Despite Burns' decisive victory, many were to scoff at his titular claims. Among them was W.W. Naughton who, in the San Francisco *Examiner* the day after the fight, called the heavyweight situation "hopeless". He felt that Burns hadn't established any firm credentials by beating Hart. Instead, "he simply proved that the other man was no fighter", and that ". . . the only thing accomplished tonight was to show that Marvin Hart is a poor apology as a world's champion". Naughton also felt that Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, now the light heavyweight champion, ". . . is easily the master of either . . ." Clearly, Burns would have to shut up his detractors the only way he could—In the ring.

ON March 28, 1906, the new champion entered a San Diego ring to fight two exhibitions—against Jim O'Brien and Jim Walker. Neither Jim made it through the first round. Then, on October 2, in Los Angeles, Burns made his first title defense against a third Jim who proved to be much more formidable than the previous two—"Fireman" Jim Flynn of Pueblo, Colorado. Like Burns, Flynn was a small (5-9½, 185 pounds) heavyweight who specialized in beating bigger men. He was a rough, tough brawler and a redoubtable performer. If Burns were ever to win championship status, he would have to start with Flynn.

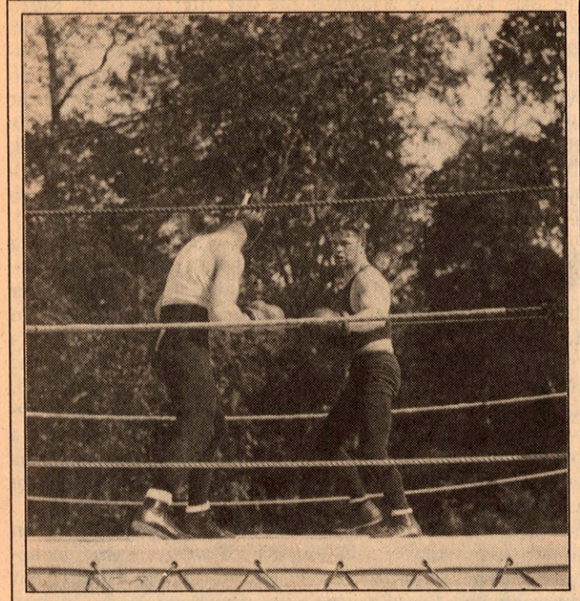
¶ It was a war. They battled on even terms for the first ten rounds. After thirteen, although both were battered, it appeared they would go the scheduled twenty rounds, but Burns floored Flynn twice in the fourteenth and had him groggy at the bell. In the fifteenth Burns floored Flynn twice, then put him literally to sleep for ten minutes with a tremendous right to the jaw. Burns had fought and won like a champion; against a man who, eleven years later, would knock out Jack Dempsey in one round.

¶ Despite his victory over Flynn, there were still those who gave Burns little chance against Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Still wanting to avenge his previous loss, Burns signed to fight O'Brien on November 28, again in Los Angeles.

¶ Because of his experience and boxing skills, many in the audience picked O'Brien to win. Burns wasn't listening; for the entire twenty rounds he forced matters. O'Brien was able to score with his jab, but Burns broke his foe's nose with a right hand smash in the fifth and continually pressured his bleeding, backpedaling opponent. O'Brien was content to last, but at the final bell the general opinion was that Burns had won easily. Referee Jeffries disagreed, however, calling the fight a draw. Had Burns won, he would have taken O'Brien's light heavyweight title, both men weighing under the 175-pound limit.

AFTER beating Joe Grim, the Human Punching Bag, in three rounds, Burns faced O'Brien again in the City of Angels on May 8, 1907. The day before the fight, referee Charles Eyton stated that if a winner couldn't be determined after twenty rounds, an extra five rounds (or more, if necessary) would be fought. There was to be no draw this time around.

¶ As the men entered the ring, those not "in the know" were unaware that O'Brien had refused to fight unless Burns accepted a $3,500 bribe to take a dive in the eleventh round. Burns told promoter McCarey that he went along with the scheme only to get O'Brien into the ring. The promoter then double-crossed O'Brien by having referee Eyton announce all bets off just before the opening bell. O'Brien responded by setting a new record for running backwards. Burns battered the lightweight champion all over the ring, easily winning the twenty-round decision. When the bribe story broke a few days later, O'Brien was disgraced and



Above: Burns limbers with lumber Jack Herman. Opposite: Quick Burns and Bill Folds as Tommy cashes-in on Squires in 2:08 of the first.

Burns received the plaudits of the sporting press for his integrity. And while he couldn't claim the light heavyweight title this time around—inasmuch as he had weighed 180 pounds—he finally had what he really wanted—firm recognition as heavyweight champion.

¶ The morning after beating O'Brien, Burns signed to defend against Bill Squires, the Australian champion, in a forty-five round bout on July 4, 1907 at Colma—then a San Francisco suburb and a frequent fight locale, now best known for its cemeteries. Squires was touted as another Fitzsimmons, largely on his unbeaten record and many knockouts. The promotion worked. Despite a street car strike, over 6,000 people jammed the Ocean View arena on a warm, balmy Fourth of July to see the bout.

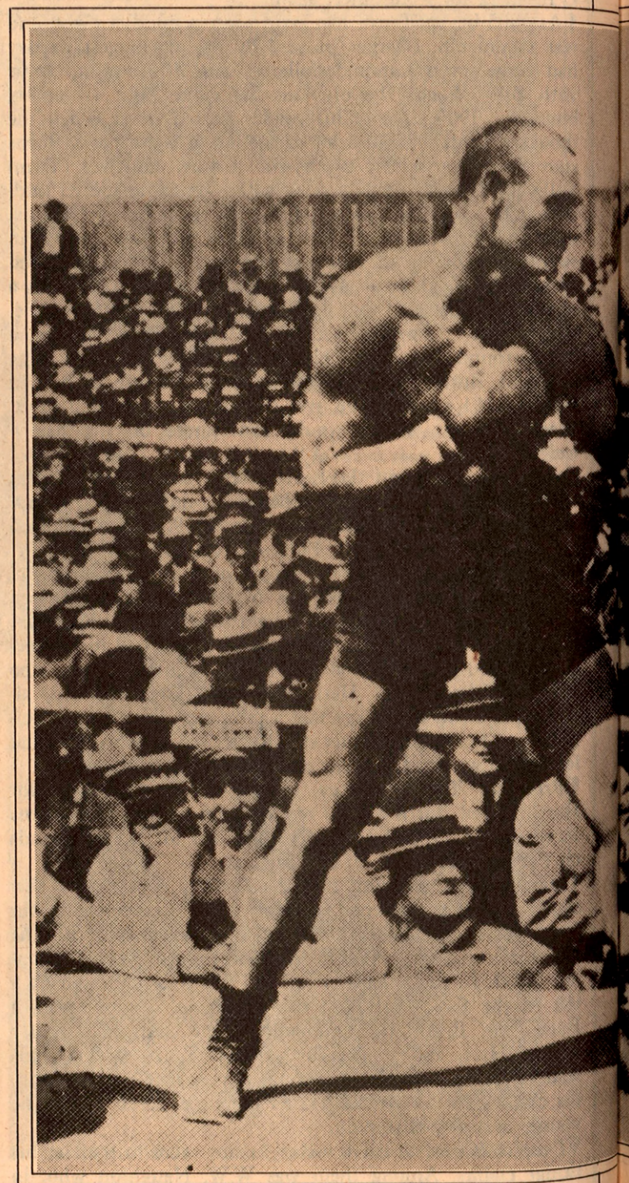
¶ Perhaps Burns was concerned about going the long haul, despite having plenty of water and ice in his corner. Maybe he was uncomfortable with Jeffries as the referee after his draw with O'Brien. Whatever the case was, the crowd wasn't ready for what happened after the opening bell. Squires came out as the aggressor charging the champion on one of his first bull-like lunges. Burns caught him flush with a right cross to the temple, knocking him flat. He struggled up and charged at Burns again, only to be floored again. Upon arising the sceond time he attempted to clinch, but Burns caught him on the button with another right, putting him on his back where Jeffries counted him out at 2:08 of the first round. For Burns, it was an easy $18,000; for Squires, it was, in his own words, "a bloody good lickin' . . . an' I'm goin' 'ome".

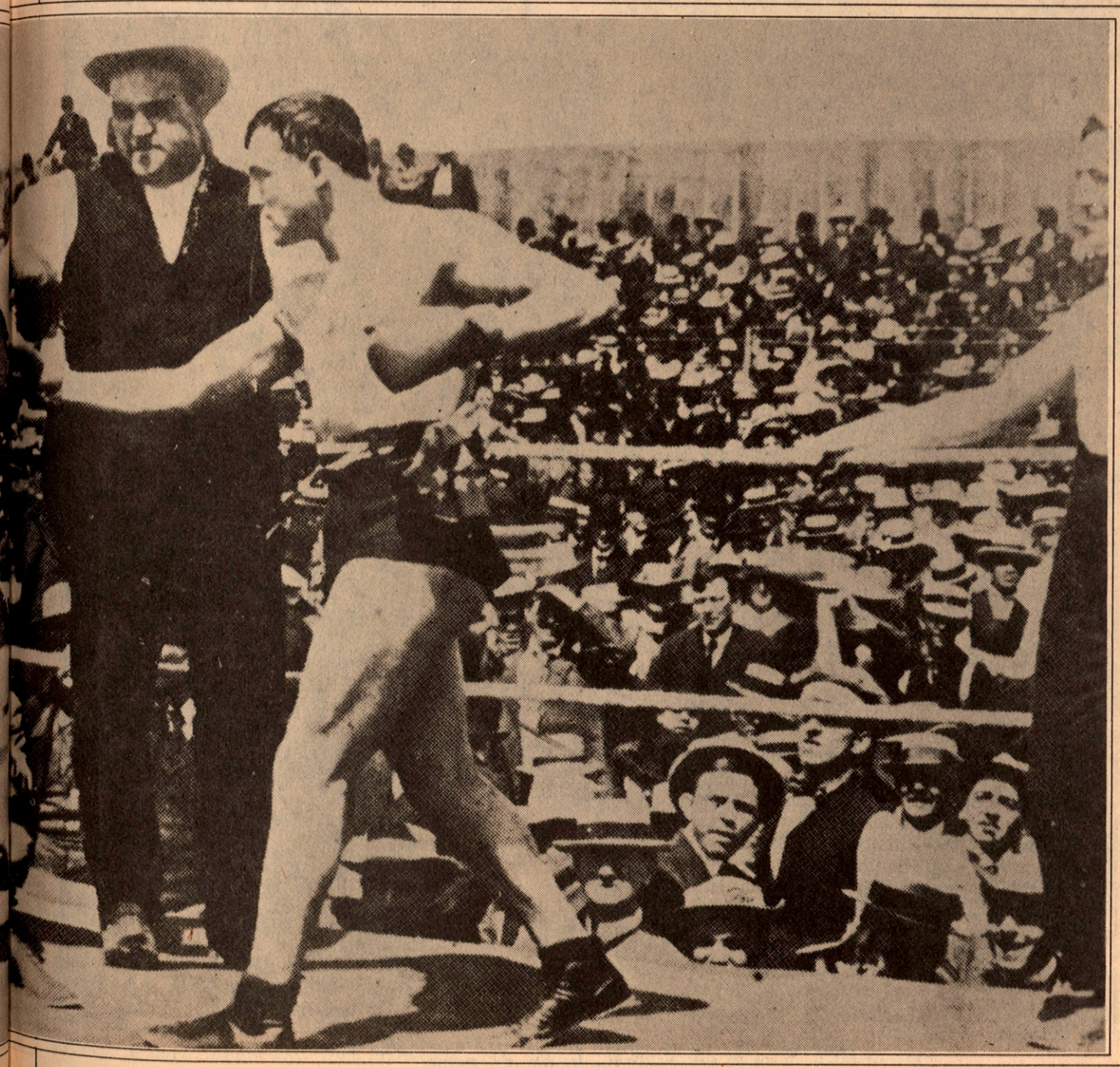
BURNS then sailed for London to fight Gunner Moir, the British champion, on December 2, the first heavyweight title bout with gloves to be held on foreign soil. Upon his arrival he went to the National Sporting Club, where the fight would take place, and insisted upon choosing the gloves and the referee. The British sporting community, taken aback by these breaks in tradition, nonetheless let Burns pick the gloves and select Eugene Corri as referee. Then Burns demanded that Corri referee inside the ring. When informed that the N.S.C. had a policy of the referee working from outside the ring, he shrugged. Club policy was quickly altered; either way, it didn't help Moir, who was outclassed. Referee Corri stopped it after ten to save Moir—who had been down twice in that round—from further pummeling.

¶ Burns fought once more in London—kayoing Jack Palmer in four at the old Wonderland Arena on January 10, 1908—before going to Ireland to face Jem Roche, the Irish champion, on St. Patrick's Day in Dublin. The sons of Erin came out in droves to cheer Roche on. But Burns spoiled their celebration. After a few jabs, he nailed their hero with a right to the chin; Roche was counted out at 1:28 of the first, the second fastest kayo in heavyweight title history.

¶ Burns then went to Paris, where he fought Jewey Smith, a South African, on April 18. The champion floored Smith several times before finishing him off in the fifth. He then gave Bill Squires a chance to atone for his Colma disaster by fighting him on June 4, also in Paris. Squires improved, lasting until the eighth when he folded from body shots. But Burns had looked sluggish in winning.

¶ By now Burns was getting challenges from middleweight champion Stanley Ketchel, Sam McVey, and especially from Jack Johnson, who had been hounding Burns for two years. The Galveston Giant had taunted Burns, insulted him and insinuated the champion was afraid of him. But Burns paid no heed to Johnson and, instead, sailed for Australia, and on August 24 the Burns-Squires road show played its last stop at Sydney. This time Squires gave Burns a real battle, with both men bloodied before Burns nailed his challenger in the thirteenth. Nine days later—a record for the shortest period of time between heavyweight title bouts—Burns faced Bill Lang in Melbourne. Lang floored Burns in the second, but hit the deck several times before being counted out in the sixth. Lang thus became Burns' eighth straight knockout victim in heavyweight title defenses, a record which remains unbroken after 73 years although equaled by Larry Holmes.





A Tempest in the Teaport. Tommy brought his heavyweight prospect John "Cyclone" Van Humbeek to Boston.

THEN Burns got an offer he could not refuse; promoter Hugh McIntosh offered him $35,000 to fight Jack Johnson in a bowl-like arena at Rushcutter's Bay, outside of Sydney. Burns, who had never earned that much before, quickly agreed to the match, and signed for a twenty-round fight against Johnson (who got $5,000). After much haggling, McIntosh was picked to referee.

¶ The day after Christmas, 1908—better known as Boxing Day in the British Commonwealth—every sundowner and digger from the billabongs and outbacks of Eastern Australia with the price of a ticket could be found crowded into the 20,000-seat arena McIntosh had built for the occasion, while another 40,000 milled outside. Excitement charged the air like an electric current. For the two participants, the supremely-confident Burns and the gold-toothed Johnson, despised each other. And although Burns entered the ring as a 7-4 favorite—with very little Johnson money showing up in the world's most intense betting community—many felt that the six foot, one-quarter inch, 192-pound challenger posed a threat to his smaller, 168-pound foe, far beyond that of a potential victor. For, if he won, many Caucasians felt, it would be the most fearsome threat to the Nordic race since the days of Tamerlane.

¶ The fight, to use the words of Jack London, "was no fight," and nearly ended before it began. At the opening bell Johnson sprang from his corner, measured the champion with a few jabs, clinched to assess his strength and then feinted with a long left and simultaneously brought up a right uppercut to Burns' jaw. Burns fairly flew through the air and toppled on his back, his head striking the canvas with a sound that could be heard throughout the arena. He arose at the count of eight. But now it was apparent to everyone in the bowl that the little champion had little or no chance of getting to the huge, clean-shaven black man who stood before him, who was ready to pick up his punishment of the man who had avoided him for two years right where he had left off.

¶ Burns, sensing his only chance was to get inside the longer reach of the challenger, moved in close to the black man, but all he got for his efforts was another hard right by Johnson, who, in his inimitable style, had parried all of the champion's blows. Once again Burns looked like his head had been severed. But he recovered in time to catch Johnson with a right of his own. Johnson retaliated with taunts to the head, his voice carrying beyond the ringside seats. "Poor little Tahmmy! No good, Tahmmy! Come here, I'll teach you . . ." And he would, raining lefts and rights off the head of the hopelessly outclassed champion.

FOR thirteen rounds the large black cat played with the small white mouse, less for nourishment than for sadistic pleasure. Rubbing the collective noses of the Caucasian race in the resin, he talked to the audience and taunted his foe, "Let's fight, you been runnin' away from me long enough. Now I caught you. Show me if you got any guts." Burns, unable to answer him with punches, was reduced to spitting out, through torn lips, "Come on and fight, Nigra!" It was that kind of fight.

¶ Between rounds Johnson would smile his toothy grin at the crowd and expectorate with unerring accuracy over the heads of his seconds onto a vacant space at ringside the size of a handkerchief between members of the disbelieving white press. He was, to the twenty thousand whites in the Sydney stadium, insufferable. And unbeatable. The fourteenth round found Burns helpless, hanging on the ropes with his jaw dangling open, drooling blood. The local police jumped in to stop the slaughter. Jack Johnson had become the world's heavyweight champion. He was carried around the ring triumphantly atop his seconds' shoulders while Burns, now a battered and bruised ex-champion, stood in the middle of the ring screaming vilifications through torn lips, swearing he would go on fighting and gain revenge on Johnson.

¶ Later, after having gone to the local racetracks and blowing his thirty thousand dollar purse, Burns was to say, "The idea of a black man challenging me was beyond endurance. Hatred made me tense. It wasn't Jack Johnson who beat Tommy Burns, but Tommy Burns who beat himself."

¶ Lingering in Australia, five months later Burns was to win a 20-round decision from the same Bill Lang he had knocked out in six rounds two years before. His next fight was a year later, on August 8, 1912, when he won a six-round decision from Bill Rickard back in his native Canada. He next fought a no-decision contest with "White Hope" Arthur Pelky, flooring the heavier Pelky three times in a bout he also promoted. Over the next six years Burns fought two more times, knocking out Battling Brant and Tex Foster, both in four.

THEN at the advanced age of 39, Burns became convinced he could once again call on the skills that had made him heavyweight champion 14 years earlier, and challenged Joe Beckett, the British Heavyweight Champion. Acting as the promoter, Burns rented Royal Albert Hall and set the fight for July 16, 1920. But both Beckett, and Burns' 39 years combined to stop him in seven. Still, he emerged a winner. Of sorts. For after having cleared all the bills and paying Becket his guarantee, Burns cleared $20,000.

¶ Burns remained in England for several years, managing his own pub in London and operating a hotel in Newcastle before returning to New York to run a well-known speakeasy during Prohibition. Like many others, the 1929 stock market crash kayoed him. To survive, he appeared as an added attraction with a burlesque show until felled by an arthritis attack in 1935. While recuperating, he found religion, spending the rest of his life touring the U.S. and Canada. Proclaiming himself to be "Tommy Burns, one of the Lord's paratroopers of perfect thoughts," he dedicated himself to "fighting the devil" and settled in Coalinga, California, where he became an ordained minister.

¶ On May 10, 1955, while visiting John Westaway, leader of the John Westaway Society (formerly the Temple of Christ Healing), in Vancouver, British Columbia, Burns collapsed and was pronounced dead of a heart attack at Vancouver General Hospital a few hours later.

¶ Tommy Burns is remembered today only as the man Jack Johnson beat. And yet it took someone with the abilities of a Johnson to finally dethrone him—a man whom the late Nat Fleischer called "The Greatest Heavyweight Champion of All Time."

BUT Burns was more. Much more. And although it is inevitable that the old will make way for the new, fading into obscurity, it is also unfair. Especially in the case of Tommy Burns. Hopefully now that Holmes has tied his consecutive knockout record in defense of the heavyweight crown and resurrected his name, he will be rescued from fistic obscurity. And from merely being a name on the yellowing pages of old record books. He deserves more.

GREAT KO'S

JOEY MAXIM Vs. SUGAR RAY ROBINSON

June 25, 1952

AS FIGHTS GO, IT WAS NOT one of the great ones. But the "Battle of Champions" will long be remembered for its dramatic—and ironic—ending. It was not a thrilling contest, and like the second Louis-Conn fight, the ending furnished the only sensational episode of a rather tame battle. The only sensational aspect, that is, other than the fact that the bout was fought in brutal heat registering 104 degrees under the Yankee Stadium lights on the hottest June 25th in New York history.

¶To answer a Johnny Carson-esque rhetorical question, 'How hot *was* it?, one writer claimed, the heat was "so terrific that green paint on the press-box benches melted . . ." The heat was so gruelling that even the referee, Ruby Goldstein, collapsed between the 10th and 11th rounds from a case of "typical heat prostration", marking the first time in the history of championship fights that a referee was knocked out, too. In fact, it was the first time a thermometer ever won a title.

¶Goldstein, who recovered quickly after being helped from the torture chamber, commented after the fight, "I felt myself going the round before when I asked for water and smelling salts. I could hardly see either Ray Robinson or Joey Maxim, and I couldn't keep track of the punches. I was cold and my legs felt numb. I can't understand feeling cold. At first I thought I was being roasted to death." Ray Miller, who substituted for Ruby, was asked what it felt like to get under the lights: "Just like the Sahara Desert," said Miller, "I'm surprised Ruby lasted as long as he did without benefit of adequate training."

¶But not even "adequate training" was enough to get Sugar Ray Robinson through 15 rounds in that sweltering hot-box. With an unbeatable lead over Joey Maxim, and a third world championship virtually under his belt, Robinson collapsed on his stool after the thirteenth round and could not come out for the 14th. Had it been a victory for Robinson—as it should have been, judging from the performance of the two fighters up until the abrupt and unthinkable ending—he would have joined the ranks of Henry Armstrong and Bob Fitzsimmons as the only pugilists to win three world crowns. But it was not to be.

¶All Robinson had to do was last the limit, but the brilliant middleweight champion, who had made the fight for thirteen rounds, outpunching and outboxing the plodding Maxim, exhausted himself by carrying all the fighting load on this fire and brimstone evening.

¶Round one saw Robinson moving in, outdancing and outpunching the slower, heavier Maxim. From rounds one through nine, Robinson forced the action, pressing Maxim and landing at will. Here it was a jab, there it was a hook and everywhere it was a steady staccato of leather as Maxim was reduced to clinching and wrestling with only an occasional attempt at a punch—most of which landed to Robinson's body. It was one of the greatest pitching and catching combinations since Ford and Berra, with Robinson doing the pitching.

¶By the end of round nine, the three judges' scorecards showed Robinson not only well ahead, but—barring the unforeseen—unbeatable.

¶But during round ten the two fighters reversed roles, with Maxim going on the offensive for the first time in the fight. The two exchanged jabs, fencing in midring. Joey jabbed with a left to Robinson's head but missed his target with a left while Robinson danced away only to come back at Maxim with a left to the body, followed by two rights. They clinched again and then Joey backed Ray up against the ropes with two hard left hooks. Ray countered with a right to the body. Maxim came back with a left and a left and a right at the bell ending the round—the first, and only, round that Maxim could clearly claim as his own.

¶It was also the last round for referee Ruby Goldstein, who was weaving beneath the bright lights and vicious heat. He was helped out of the ring by Dr. Alexander, in no shape to continue to referee the fight. It was an omen of things to come.

¶Ray Miller replaced Goldstein in round eleven and Robinson came back to claim another round. This time, drawn together like metal and magnet, the two charged each other, scoring and grappling. Again it was Robinson who was the donor and Maxim the recipient of the bulk of the damaging punches.

¶But, by round twelve, Robinson was visibly beginning to fade. Although he still had enough left in him to move in on Maxim with a barrage that caused the defender to trip and practically fall, by the end of the round the Sugarman was wilting, taking on the look of a flacid waterhose after the faucet had been turned off. In point of fact, Robinson's faucet *had* been.

¶Round thirteen found Robinson practically helpless in the ring, immobile and unsteady, and an inviting target for Maxim as he swayed under the bright Kleig lights that were boiling the strength out of him. Yet Maxim, for some odd reason, failed to finish him off. As he tried to fight his way clear of the plodding champion, Robinson slipped to the canvas in the closing seconds of the round. The end of the round found Robinson weaving around the ring on the rubbery legs of a drunk, looking for his own personal lamppost, his corner; his handlers had to steady him and half-carry, half-drag their charge back to his stool.

¶There he stayed, unable to answer the bell for the fourteenth round. Maxim rushed across the ring to pick up where he left off when the bell announced the beginning of what should have been the 14th round. But there was to be no 14th round. The fight was over for Robinson. Joey Maxim was still the 175-pound champion.

¶Back in the dressing room, Ruby Goldstein had fallen asleep. When he awoke, the fight was over. When he asked which fighter had won the fight, he was quite surprised. "I had Robinson well ahead," he commented.

¶And then the door opened and in came Robinson, a limp, dragging body supported by a couple of handlers. If you hadn't seen him collapse in the 14th round and didn't hear the dressing room buzzing with "the heat got him, just like the ref", you'd have sworn he was drunk. His eyes were rolling and there was no coordination in the body as they lifted him onto the dressing table.

¶Immediately the handlers began fanning Robinson's body, trying to extinguish the fire that burned within the sweating corpse. The first signs of life came back to him only after the commission doctor, Ira McCown, dug a needle into him.

¶In a few minutes he was sitting, eyes still glassy and gazing blankly into space. Through the haze, Robinson spotted Mayor Impellitteri. He eased off the table and propping himself on someone's shoulders, staggered after him, pleading, "He didn't knock me out, did he?"

¶The Mayor spent a couple of minutes trying to convince Robinson that it wasn't Maxim who knocked him out, that it was, instead, the blistering heat. Then Sugar's handlers, who figured that a cold shower might bring him fully to his senses, dragged Robinson—who had a headlock on the supporting Mayor—toward the showers. Robinson lurched into the shower—with the Mayor in tow.

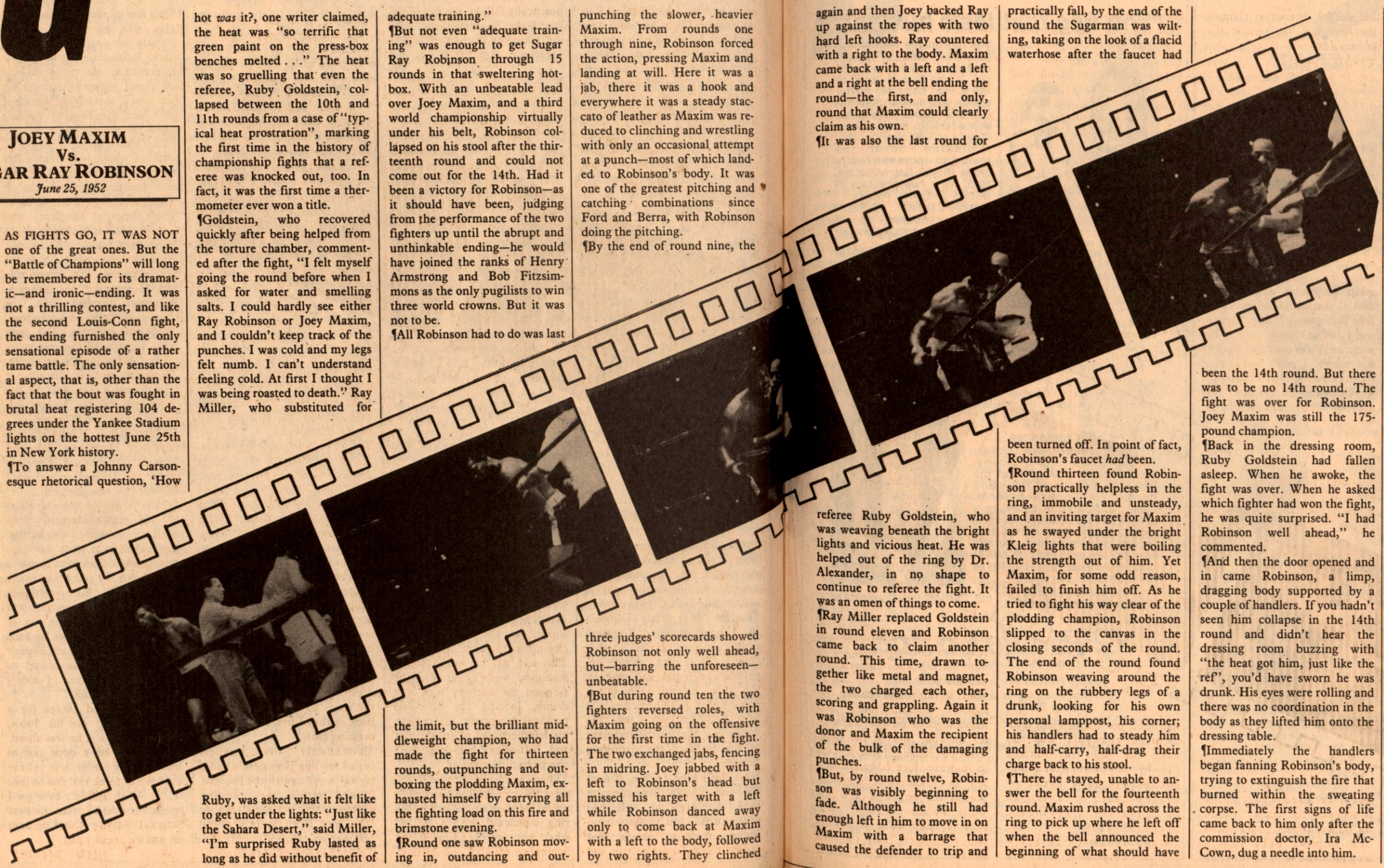
¶Impellitteri didn't break away from Sugar until the cold water relaxed Robinson's strong grip. The water restored the bounce to Robinson's legs, and the life to his eyes, but his thinking was still as incoherent as before.

¶When Dr. Nardiello approached Sugar, he defended himself, repeating, "I'm not crazy, you fellows may think I am, but God beat me!"

¶In the victorious dressing room of the still-champion, Joey Maxim confessed to visitors that he "wasn't sure what was happening when Robinson began to reel all over the place during the 13th round!" But wily Jack Kearns, Maxim's manager, told the folks that it was "the way we planned it. We had Joey lay back and let Robinson punch himself out. Somebody was bound to collapse in that heat. I didn't want it to be Maxim."

¶Joey, unmarked except for a slight swelling on his brow, went on: "I knew he was ahead. I'd have to be a dope not to know it. My corner kept yelling I'd have to come real fast to take it . . . Well, I didn't have to, I guess. He couldn't take the heat so good. Maybe it was because he was the smaller guy."

JIMMY JACOBS



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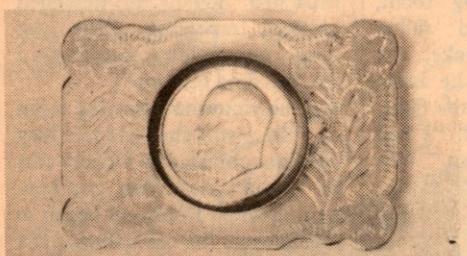

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MICKEY WALKER: A PICTURE OF THE TOY BULLDOG

THE REHEARSAL OF *WALK HARD,* A "SIGnificant—Exciting—Play", was getting along toward time for the dinner recess. In a bare, echoing room Mickey Walker was sparring lightly with Thespis.

Mickey Walker was an actor who also painted and used to fight and who never took a backward step for Harry Greb or Rembrandt or Alfred Lunt. *Walk Hard,* which was about prizefighters, was his first play and he had top billing, which is practically the same thing as stepping out of the Golden Gloves novice class into a Garden wind-up.

In the one scene he was rehearsing he didn't have a great deal to say because it concerned a row between a fighter and a mobster in which he was an embarrassed neutral. Mostly he just stood holding the back of a straight chair and staring at the floor. Playing it down.

When the break came for dinner, Mickey pulled off his belt and took a knife from his pocket and punched another hole in the belt.

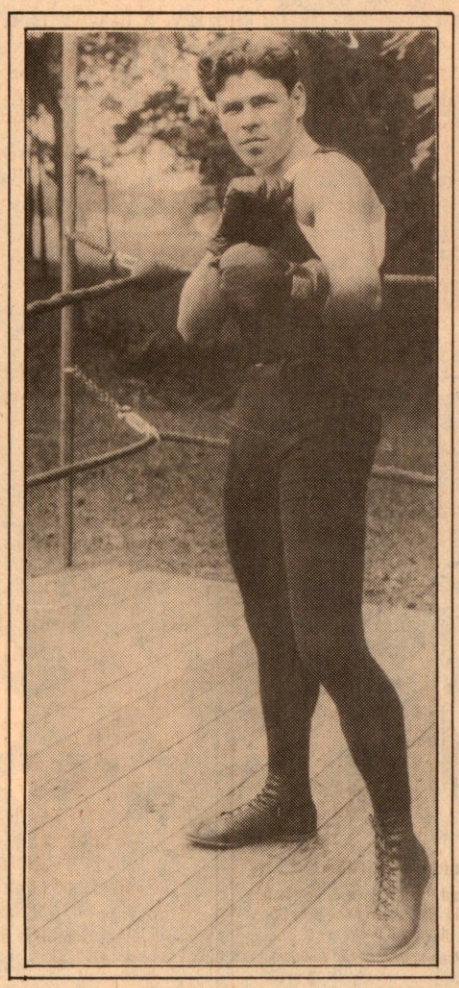
"I've got to tighten it," he said. "I'm losing weight. Geez, before a fight I always could sleep and I never dreamt. Now I dream all night and wake up thinking about my lines, and I don't have any appetite. This is a lot worse than any fight."

Mickey plays a tough, swaggering fighter, star of the mobster's stable. "But I don't do any boxing," he said. "There's not much action in it for me. Just saying lines. A friend of mine knew they were casting this play and had a part for a fighter and he suggested me. Gustav Blum, the producer, coached me first and then they put me in."

Mickey had done night club turns as master of ceremonies, and he had a vaudeville act, and during the war he was master of ceremonies in a U.S.O. sports show. "But it's my first shot at dramatics. It's a new adventure, a big thrill, but, geez, it scares me. Not that I didn't always have the pants scared off me before a fight, but this is different. I can remember lines all right, but I have a little trouble with cues and I keep thinking, geez, if I'm this scared and it's only rehearsals, how'll I be when we really open? If some guy I know was out front and started making cracks, why, the show would blow up right there."

At dinner Mickey talked about the fights he'd had and the fun he'd had, and about painting and about the theater. Fighting was the easiest job he ever had, but painting is the field that has given him his greatest pleasure.

"I had a wonderful time fighting," he said. "I loved every minute of it. I loved the glory and I loved the applause of the crowds. Jack Kearns and I, we made a lot of money and his money was mine and my money was his and it never meant anything because there was always more coming in. I often think, if I had my days to live over again, I wouldn't change a single thing and I'd love every minute of it again.



Mickey Walker loved it all and wouldn't change a thing. "I'd be satisfied to do nothing but paint. An artist don't need much to live on."

"Sure, I still paint. I'll always paint. I sell some pictures, but I don't care about that. If I didn't have responsibilities, like getting my kids educated, I'd be satisfied to do nothing but paint. An artist don't need much to live on.

"If art had broke out on me while I was still fighting I'd be a rich man, because I wouldn't of spent the money the way I did. But what the hell, I would of missed a lot of fun, too. I was forty when art broke out on me. I always liked painting, I always liked to have pictures around me. It was a movie, *The Moon and Sixpence,* that gave me the idea I could paint. I never took lessons and I didn't even know what kind of brushes to buy or anything. I just went to the art store and got some stuff and I had oils and water colors all mixed up, and the salesman had to get me straightened out.

"I just went home and started painting without any ideas, and a picture came out. I've been painting five years now, some good and some bad, and I know it'll be another five years before I can paint the way I want to.

"You know," he said, stumbling a little in embarrassment, "I believe if you want to do something bad enough, why, you can do it. I was a fighter and then I wanted to paint and now I'm going to be an actor. You can laugh, but I'll be an actor. I know at my time of life I can't start out and make it a career, but if I can be a good enough actor for this show, why, it'll be something to tell my grandchildren about."

We went back to rehearsal and he worked at being tough and breezy. He didn't seem stiff or forced.

"Mickey's swell," said Blum, who was directing. "What makes him good, he has a success complex. That's what made him a champion and that's what made him a painter." Blum paused reflectively and then said, "The three P's—pugilism, painting, and play-acting."

The auditorium was on the fiftieth floor of the Chanin Building. Mickey was standing at a window, with Tudor City looking dwarfed below, and the East River gleaming darkly, and yellow lights gleaming beyond.

"If a guy had time," he said, "if he could paint this and get it all, the height and all, geez, it would make a hell of a picture."

LAST ROUND

MICKEY WALKER

¶ MICKEY WALKER, WHO WON THE world welterweight and middleweight boxing titles and also fought some of the sport's top heavyweights, died last April 28 at Freehold Area Hospital in Freehold, N.J. He was 79 years old.

¶ Nicknamed The Toy Bulldog because of his bristling, aggressive style, Walker's ring career spanned 17 years, from 1919 through 1935. He weighed between 147 and 170 pounds for his 160 professional bouts, yet fought such prominent heavyweights of the period as Max Schmeling, Jack Sharkey, and Primo Carnera. He was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1955.

¶ Walker was as colorful and flamboyant as Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, his larger-sized contemporaries. It is estimated he earned more than $3 million in the ring, and it is a fact that he spent a good deal of what he earned.

¶ In recent years, after having contracted Parkinson's disease in 1974, Mr. Walker was confined to several rehabilitation centers and nursing homes in the metropolitan area.

¶ Walker won the world welterweight title from Jack Britton in November of 1922, then lost the title in Scranton, Pa., in 1926 to Peter Latzo.

¶ Later that year Walker won the middleweight title from Tiger Flowers in Chicago in 10 rounds. He held the 160-pound championship until 1931 when he relinquished it in order to move into a higher weight class.

¶ When he moved up, to light-heavyweight, he lost to Tommy Loughran and Maxie Rosenbloom in 175-pound division title fights. Walker also fought Sharkey, a heavyweight who weighed 196 pounds, to a 15-round draw in 1931, then was knocked out in eight rounds by Schmeling, another heavyweight, on Sept. 26, 1932.

¶ In his 160 bouts, he scored 60 knockouts, many with his powerful left hook, and won 33 by decision, with four draws. He lost 11 by decision, three on fouls, five by knockouts. Forty-five more bouts were no decisions, and one was ruled no contest.

¶ Mr. Walker was married six times, twice to Clara Helmers and twice to Maude Kelly.

¶ After Mr. Walker retired in 1935, he opened a tavern in his hometown, Elizabeth, N.J. He also took up painting, and had a one-man show at the Associated American Artists Galleries on Fifth Avenue in April 1955. There were portraits, landscapes and abstracts—19 canvases in all.

¶ Of his art, he said: "There's not much difference between prizefighting and painting. It's just a matter of time. As a youth I could express myself with my fists. Physical expression belongs to youth. Then the years go by. I found art—and expression—in colors.

¶ "A lot of my philosophy comes from the ring," he added. "You learn in life there are always ups and downs. We must have enough sense to enjoy our ups and enough heart to get through our downs."

¶ Edward Patrick Walker was born July 13, 1901, in the Keighry Head section of Elizabeth. He was dropped from the Sacred Heart Grammar School after eight years. Then, after his father had "whaled the daylights out of me," he went to work in the architectural office of George B. Post & Co. He also attended the Mechanics Institute in the evenings. "It was the lowest period of my life," he said.

¶ When World War I broke out, Walker was too young to enlist; so he went to work, first as a riveter in an Elizabeth shipyard, then at a Staten Island shipyard.

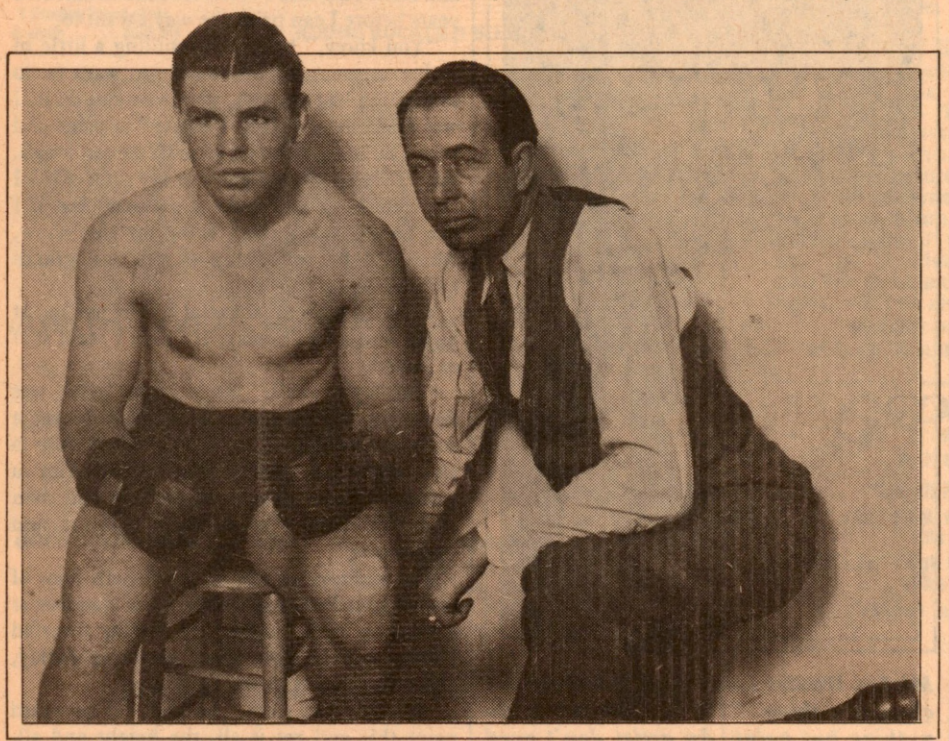
¶ At the shipyard, Walker got into a fight with Eddie McGill, a professional boxer unknown to Walker. Walker floored the professional with a decidedly unamateurish left hook. They fought for 25 minutes with an audience of 5,000 workers who had left work to view the fight. Walker was given the unanimous decision—and his notice from the company.

¶ But after that he decided to become a professional boxer.

¶ He joined with Jack Kearns, the manager who had split with Jack Dempsey, and the pair traveled through the United States and Europe for nine years.

¶ When Walker fought a British contender in London in June of 1927, Kearns promised that the two would visit Ireland after the fight. Walker's purse was $120,000 and Kearns bet it all at odds of 4 to 1 and won.

¶ When Walker knocked out Tommy Milligan, the European champion, Kearns and Walker collected more than $600,000.



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